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BILLY BINGHAM COACH TIP

AUSTRALIA may turn to Northern Ireland manager Billy Bingham for their national job, now they've sacked Rudi Gutendorf and Tommy Docherty is returning to England to take over at Preston.

BY JOHN FIELD

Billy Bingham, manager of Northern Ireland's World Cup team, is being tipped to coach the Socceroos as successor to Rudi Gutendorf.

Now that the Irish team appears doomed to fail in its bid for a place in next year's World Cup, Bingham's future is uncertain.

Australian Soccer Federation officials may deny that Bingham is in their plans but it's clear something must have inspired this item in the mass-circulation "Sunday People" (reprinted right).

Denials

The ASF also denied overseas Press reports that Rudi Gutendorf had been offered the job as national coach — and that was several weeks before Rudi's appoointment.

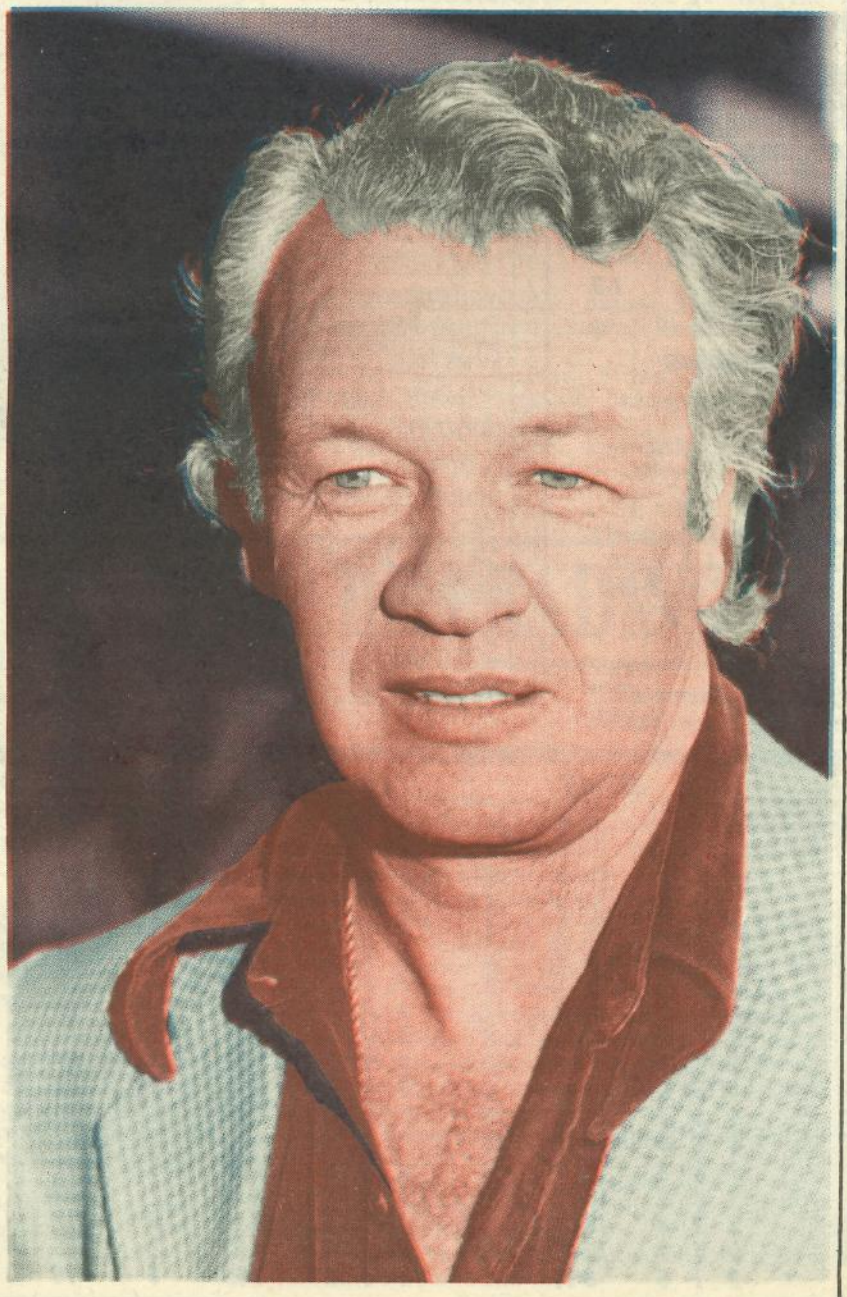
There were similar denials that Terry Venables had been promised a huge salary for the job before Gutendorf came on the scene. Venables, himself, confirmed he had received that offer.

So precedent suggests this Billy Bingham story should be taken seriously. There's no smoke without fire!

Bingham has visited Australia twice in the past three years and is very attached to the country. He has relations living on Sydney's north shore.

Billy Bingham played a remarkable 56 times for Northern Ireland during a distinguished playing career with Glentoran, Luton Town Everton and Sunderland. Since retiring, he has managed several clubs, including Everton.

If Australia is to gamble on appointing yet another overseas national coach, Bingham has credentials as valid as most.



BILLY BINGHAM

MARCONI CRISIS

By David Jack

Marconi held an emergency meeting last night to discuss the poor form of their team in the Philips League.

Soccer president Tony Labbozzetta, his committee, coach Raul Blanco and the players were all at the meeting.

Mr Labbozzetta said: "On Sunday in Brisbane, we saw the demise of Marconi. It was hard to swallow but it is a pill we must take." (Marconi were humbled 4-0 by Brisbane City).

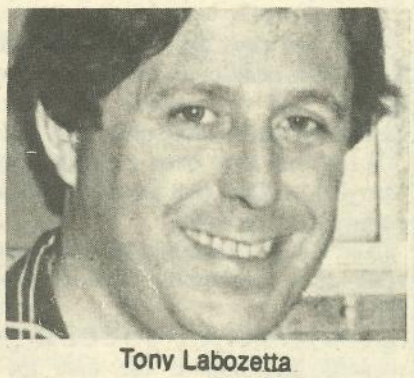
The Marconi president is aware that some club members want to get rid of coach Blanco but he does not regard the coach as the man mainly responsible for the team's form.

Mr Labbozzetta said: "I don't blame Blanco much at all. How can players pull on a Marconi jersey and play so badly? They're just bad. I don't know what's wrong with them.

"Players have a responsibility to this club and they are not accepting that responsibility.

When AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY went to press last night (Monday), Marconi's crisis meeting was just about to start.

We hope Raul Blanco survived although it is a fact of Soccer life that every coach who does not produce results is vulnerable. And, without doubt, Blanco is particularly vulnerable right now.



Tony Labozetta

WORLD CUP TIMES SETTLED

Kick-off times have been settled for next year's World Cup matches in Spain. They are:-

Opening match, play-off for third place, and final — all to start at 8 p.m. local Spanish time.

All other World Cup games kick off either at 5.15 p.m. or 9 p.m. (This includes both semi-finals).

Another important decision taken by FIFA concerns the draw and Group formations for the 24-team tournament. This will be made in Madrid's Palacio de Congress Exposiciones at 7 p.m. (Madrid time) on Saturday January 16, 1982.

That ceremony ought to interest New Zealand!

ESPAÑA 82

EDITORIAL

One of the most pleasing things in 1981 Australian Soccer — and there hasn't been much to please us — is the comparative peace at grounds in the Philips League.

Spectators, thank heaven, are behaving themselves. Not so many years ago, we could bank on four or five riots every year, some of them very serious. These outbreaks of hooliganism by irate spectators were a blot on the code. They gave Soccer a terrible image because they invariably gained front page projection in the newspapers.

More important, they kept many spectators away from matches, doing immense damage to the game's efforts to establish itself as family entertainment.

What father or mother would take the kids to a sport whose spectators were liable to throw punches or kick or shout obscenities simply because a referee might give a decision they did not agree with?

Happily, though, those bad old days are behind us.

If we accept that, we must also accept the fact that extreme vigilance is necessary to ensure that the fans continue to be on their best behaviour.

This was clearly not the case at Schintler Reserve in Melbourne when Footscray drew 1-1 with Wollongong Wolves. ASW's Phil Murphy was at the match but, due to the Telecom dispute, he was not able to get through to us with the story.

The "Illawarra Mercury" spread the story right across the top of its back page under such headings as IRATE MOB ATTACKS REFEREE and CITY DRAW RIOT SQUAD.

The story backed up those headlines. It seems the Footscray supporters tried to attack referee Bob Kerr simply because he awarded a penalty kick for "hands" against their team.

The report says, in part, "some of the supporters seemed determined to injure the referee and punches were thrown as Kerr ran towards the cage near the dressing room."

The report also mentions that the riot squad was brought in with 14 police officers quelling the demonstrating crowd.

There was plenty more but there is no point in repeating it here.

On the same day, at Pratten Park, Sydney Olympic fans — or a minority of them, we hope — would have happily lynched referee Tony Boskovic if they could have got hold of him.

What was Bosko's "crime"? He did NOT give Olympic a penalty kick.

These two instances of crowd misbehaviour are worrying. They indicate that, while PSL Soccer has been relatively peaceful for the past couple of years, there is a crazy element of roughnecks still attending matches and still quite willing to physically assault referees.

Only two days ago, a few louts at Lambert Park threw missiles on the pitch and referee Jim Reeves had to suspend the Leichhardt v Blacktown match while order was restored.

It may not have been a genuine riot but it is worrying to think that trouble is still simmering on many PSL grounds.

And it's no consolation to dismiss such matters with the comment: "It's much worse in England."

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY suggests that now is the time for the PSL authorities to remind all clubs of their responsibilities and ask the clubs to check up on safety measures at their home matches.

There must be no relaxing of precautionary measures to keep the fans under strict control. The game must always have crowd marshalls wearing armbands, and it must also have the deterrent benefits of uniformed policemen. And if any idiots step out of line, let them be arrested, let them be hit with heavy fines or even be thrown in jail.

It is not much good waiting until a match official is seriously hurt to start tightening up on security at grounds.

The PSL executive should take action immediately. Prevention is always far better than cure.

Arthur Xanthopoulos and Bill Rogers of South Melbourne challenge for the ball with Footscray's Jim Kondarios

PHILIPS LEAGUE

Kolo 17:

LEICHHARDT - BLACKTOWN DEMONS 3-2
Bradley, O'Connor, Hughes(L)
Djordjevic, Turner(BD)

SYDNEY SLICKERS - CANBERRA ARROWS 3-2
O'Connor, Boden, Kosmina(SS), J. O'Shea, Mullen og.(CA)

NEWCASTLE KB - WEST ADELAIDE 4-2
Senkalski 2, Mountford, Channon(KB)
Manecas(WA)

WOLLONGONG - BRISBANE LIONS 1-1
McBreen(WW), Low(BL)

BRISBANE CITY - MARCONI 4-0
Gaffney, Caldwell, Wilkinson, Vincenzino(BC)

ADELAIDE CITY - SYDNEY OLYMPIANS 3-1
Fashanu, Mitchell, Melta(AC), Wilson(SO)

SOUTH MELBOURNE - FOOTSCRAY 2-1
Wooddin, Christopoulos (SM) Verweij (F)

HEIDELBERG - PRESTON : 2 - 0
Cole, Paton

MARCONI - NEWCASTLE KB 1-2
Byrne(M), Mountford, Senkalski(KB)

TOP SCORERS:
9. Boden (SS)
8. Mitchell(AC)
7. Ollerton (P), Christopoulos(SM)
6. Sharne (M), Evans(SM), Wilkinson(BC), Paton(H), O'Connor(L)
5. J. Nyskohus (AC), Gibson, Valeri(CA), Millman(BL), Paton(H), Cole(H), Souness(SS), Koussas(SO), Mountford(KB), McBreen(W)
4. Kosmina(SS), Jennings(SO), Russell (AC), Hamilton(BC), Cullen(P), Burrows(BD), Adam(W), Soper(L), Brennan(AC), Senkalski(KB)

YOUTH LEAGUE

SYDNEY OLYMPIC - AIS 2-2
MARCONI - NEWCASTLE 0-0
NEWCASTLE - WOLLONGONG 2-1

TABLE:

MARCONI	10	3	2	42-14	23
LEICHHARDT	10	2	2	37-18	22
NEWCASTLE KB.	8	5	3	33-28	21
A.I.S.	9	2	4	40-24	20
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	5	5	6	22-20	15
SYDNEY SLICKERS	5	4	5	33-22	14
WOLLONGONG	4	1	10	17-41	9
BLACKTOWN	2	1	10	17-32	5
CANBERRA ARROWS	0	1	11	8-50	1

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	Blacktown City		1:2	0:1		2:2		1:5				0:2		3:1		2:2	4:0
2	Newcastle KB	1:1			1:1		4:0		0:2		0:1		1:2		3:0	1:1	4:2
3	Leichhardt	3:2	2:1			1:1		3:0		0:1				2:2	2:0	0:0	
4	Wollongong	1:1		1:1			2:2		0:0		0:1		3:1	3:4	2:1	1:1	
5	South Melbourne		2:0		1:0			0:0		1:3		1:0	1:1	2:1	2:1	1:0	
6	Preston	2:3		3:1		1:1			1:1		0:1	0:0	3:1	0:2	3:0		
7	Adelaide City		4:1		1:2		1:0		1:0	0:1	1:0	0:1	3:1	3:1		3:2	
8	Brisbane City	2:1		0:0	1:0					2:0	0:0	4:0	3:0		2:0		2:1
9	Sydney City		4:1				2:0		1:1		3:2	5:0		1:0		1:1	1:0
10	Canberra City	2:2		0:1		2:2		0:0	3:0	2:0			2:1		5:0		1:2
11	Marconi		1:2		1:1		1:0	1:4	1:1		0:2			3:1		2:1	1:0
12	Sydney Olympic	1:0		1:3		2:2	2:1	3:1		2:2		2:0			0:0		3:1
13	Heidelberg		1:2		0:3	0:0	2:3		2:0		1:1		1:0				2:0
14	Footscray	2:0		2:1	1:1	1:2		1:1		1:0		1:2		2:2			1:1
15	Brisbane Lions		0:1	0:0	1:1		2:1		1:0		1:0		1:1		4:0		3:1
16	West Adelaide	2:0	0:1	1:2	0:0	0:2	4:0	0:3		1:2							

LEAGUE TABLE

	HOME					AWAY					AGGREGATE					
	W	D	L	F:A	P	W	D	L	F:A	P	P	W	D	L	F:A	P
SOUTH MELBOURNE	6	2	1	11- 6	14	2	6	0	12- 9	10	17	8	8	1	23-15	24
ADELAIDE CITY	7	0	3	17- 9	14	3	3	2	14- 9	9	18	10	3	5	31-18	23
SYDNEY SLICKERS	6	2	0	18- 5	14	4	1	3	9- 9	9	16	10	3	3	27-14	23
BRISBANE CITY	7	2	0	16- 2	16	1	4	4	5-10	6	18	8	6	4	21-12	22
LEICHHARDT	4	3	1	13- 7	11	4	3	2	10- 8	11	17	8	6	3	23-15	22
CANBERRA ARROWS	4	3	2	17- 8	11	4	2	3	8- 6	10	18	8	5	5	25-14	21
NEWCASTLE KB	3	3	3	15-10	9	5	0	4	11-15	10	18	8	3	7	26-25	19
BRISBANE LIONS	5	3	1	13- 5	13	0	5	3	8-11	5	17	5	8	4	21-16	18
WOLLONGONG	2	5	2	13-12	9	2	5	2	9- 7	9	18	4	10	4	22-19	18
SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	5	3	1	16-10	13	1	2	6	8-18	4	18	6	5	6	24-28	17
MARCONI	4	2	3	11-12	10	3	1	4	5-13	7	17	7	3	7	16-25	17
HEIDELBERG	3	2	3	9- 9	8	2	2	5	14-19	6	17	5	4	8	23-28	14
PRESTON	3	3	3	13-10	9	1	1	7	7-20	3	17	4	4	10	20-30	12
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	2	2	4	13-15	6	1	3	5	10-16	5	17	3	5	8	23-31	11
FOOTSCRAY	3	4	2	12-10	10	0	1	8	2-23	1	18	3	5	10	14-32	11
WEST ADELAIDE	2	1	5	8-10	5	1	1	8	8-22	3	18	3	2	13	16-32	8

FARRELL FILES TRANSFER REQUEST

By Steve Burns

Canberra Arrows has transfer-listed Isaac Farrell, on form one of Australia's most adept and constructive midfielders.

But Club secretary, Mr Bob Preston, was at pains to stress that the player himself had made the transfer request — in writing.

"When this happens it is club policy not to stand in a player's way," Mr Preston said.

"It is with genuine deep regret that we accepted Isacc's transfer request."

Farrell, a Scotsman, joined Canberra in 1979 and in that the 1980 season was a regular member of the squad.

This year, with an over-supply of capable defenders and midfielders, he has played only intermittently.

But against Brisbane gladiators, as a second half replacement, Farrell showed total aggression and thoughtful finishing.

It was this form that led, to Canberra asking $14,000 for his services.

Farrell is worth that sort of money — although one expects that if he does go it will probably for something less than that amount.

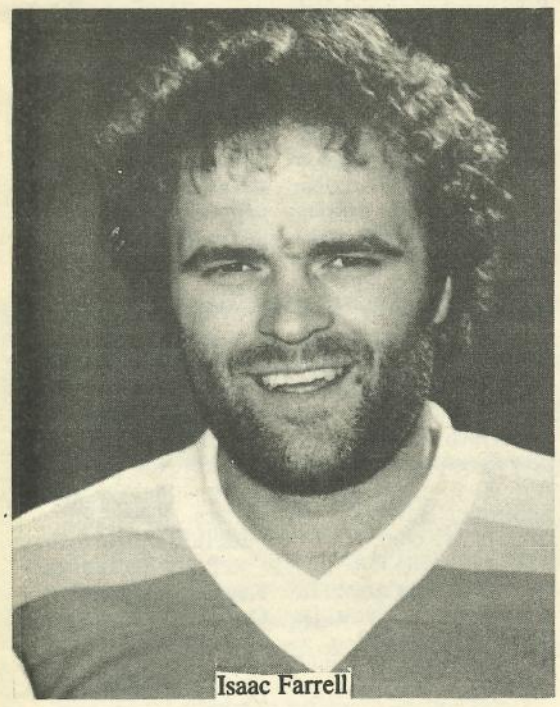
It is also worth reflecting that although the club has a policy of not standing in the way of players once they themselves make a transfer request this wasn't the approach when Blacktown bid for Terry Byrne — and Byrne was then willing to go.

It is also interesting that after denying recent rumours of players being up for sale official confirmation of Farrell's transfer request was so quick to follow.

In fact, I was given Farrell's name as a player to be transferred at that time.

He would be a loss as any team always as a need for capable, experienced substitutes in the event of injury.

Last year Canberra suffered when not having a sufficient depth of replacements when hit by a spate of injuries at a crucial time.



Isaac Farrell

NO HOLIDAY FOR YOUTH SQUAD

by John Field

Australia's Youth squad flies to Noumea tomorrow (Wednesday) for matches against New Caledonia as part of the build-up to the October World Youth Championships for the Coca-Cola Cup.

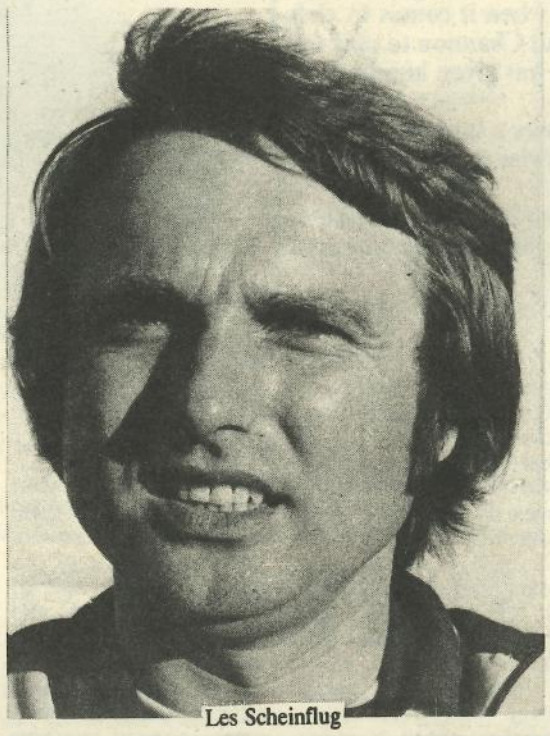
But coach Les Scheinflug is quick to deny that this is a holiday trip to the holiday island.

Scheinflug told ASW: "My boys will play three matches against the full New Caledonia "A" side in a matter of five days. That is certainly no holiday."

It is a brief trip and, unlike some recent overseas jaunts, there will be no lavish financial extravagance involved.

The tour leader is ASF treasurer Tommy Grimson, an ideal choice to count the dollars and cents!

Les Scheinflug explained the surprise decision to leave Adelaide City's brilliant Charley Villani at home when he said: "I know Villani inside out. There is nothing I could learn about him on this tour. He is a confirmed member of the Youth squad."



Les Scheinflug

MISSING TEAMS

Due to the Telecom dispute, it was not possible for AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY to publish accurate team line-ups, substitutions, referees etc in our last two issues.

To keep your records up to date, those particulars are provided now. The matches involved were Preston Rams v Marconi on June 7 and Heidelberg v Sth Melbourne and Footscray v Wollongong, both played on June 14.

PRESTON: Kastner, Rainey, MacIvor, McMillan, Petrovski, Faulkner, Flavelle (Brown 54), Lucchessi, Cullen, Ollerton, Whittle.

MARCONI: Maher, Brogan, Mariani, Prskalo, Degney, Housseini, Byrne, Jankovics, Sharne (Colusso 80), Johnson, Krncevic (Muir 76).

HEIDELBERG: Olver, McMillan, Yzendoorn, Provan, Tansey, Selemidis, Yankos, Campbell, Rooney, Paton, Cole.

SOUTH MELB.: Laumets, Bannon, Blair, Rogers, Davidson, Stevenson, Shirra, Campbell, Wooddin, Evans, Buljevic (Cummings 72).

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, Milne, Kondarios, Kyriakouleas, Ilioski, Jovanovic, Licanin, Belic, Lujic, Verweij, Cozzella (Kakantonis 82).

WOLLONGONG: Preston, Ainsworth, Bertogna, Dunleavy, Willis, Fleming, Adam, Lathan, Tredinnick, McBreen, Campbell.

CHIT -CHAT

Wollongong coach Ken Morton is extremely pleased about the way Arno Bertogna is going with the club, and expects him to be an even greater force next season. "We cannot afford to improve our strikers this season, but a lot of planning has gone into the proposed improvement for 1981," he said.

Meanwhile Lee Adam is now proving what an excellent gain he was. He shows good vision, is now extremely fit, and attacks to score goals at vital times.

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Leichhardt's John Bradley was brought out from Scotland by Willie Wallace and had to take his place in the queue as far as first team games are concerned. Now 21, he is showing a lot of promise in supplying some great passes to his strikers and producing a tremendously powerful shot for a man of such small stature.

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The Australian Youth squad will play a Western Area select Youth team at Cook Park, St Marys at 8pm on Wednesday, August 5. Proceeds go to three charities, as part of the Year of the Disabled. The event is being sponsored by Penrith City Council and Radio 2KA. As part of the pre-match program, the Penrith Rugby League Pantherettes will give a display and leading Soccer and Rugby League players will compete in a distance kicking competition.

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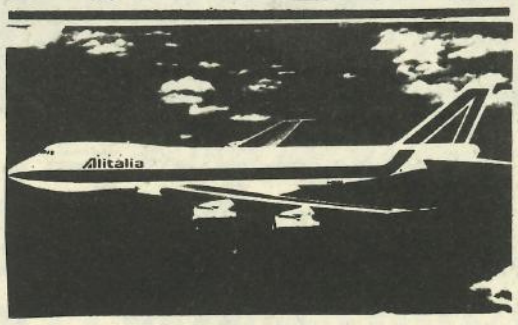
Legislation to give effect to the new Parramatta Stadium has now been gazetted and the Parramatta Sporting Club is arranging for leases with the NSW Dept of Lands. There is bound to be some sort of challenge from environmental bodies, but their strength appears to be waning. The 40,000-seat stadium is expected to cost $16,500,000

Alitalia



ROME TRIP CONTEST RESUMES

Due to communications problems, it was not possible to publish "man of the match" ratings in two issues of AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY.

Today, we resume the weekly publication of points scorers in the ASW-MARCONI TRAVEL contest, and also include the ratings from the previous PSL games which were not published.

Big prize in this exciting competition is a return ticket, Sydney or Melbourne or Rome, flying in a super ALITALIA jet.

Here are the points picked up by players over the past two weekends, in which a total of 17 matches were played.

ROUND 16:
Preston (Whittle 2) v Marconi (Maher 3)
Sth Melb. (Stevenson 2) v Syd. Olympic (Katholos 4)
Bris. City (Coe 4) v Sydney Slickers (Boden 2)
Adelaide City (Mitchell 3) v Canberra (Brennan 3)
Newcastle (Sumner 3) v Brisbane Lions (Hogg 2)
Wollongong (Adam 2) v Heidelberg (Campbell 3)
Blacktown (Burrows 3) v West Adelaide (Bozanic 2)
Leichhardt (Wilson 4) v Footscray (Licanin 2)
DEFERRED MATCH ROUND 10:
Leichhardt (Soper 3) v Adelaide City (Jones 2)
ROUND 17:
Sth Melb. (Blair 4) v Heidelberg (Selemidis 3)
Footscray (Verweij 3) v Wollongong (McBreen 2)
Brisbane Lions (Hermiston 4) v Leichhardt (McAusland 1)
West Adelaide (Topaz 3) v Sydney Slickers (Souness 3)
Canberra (Byrne 2) v Brisbane City (Gaffney 2)
Marconi (Picioane 1) v Adelaide City (Jones 3)
Blacktown (Burrows 3) v Newcastle (Heys 3)
Sydney Olympic (Jennings 3) v Preston (Whittle 2)

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In addition to the Alitalia trip, ASW and MARCONI TRAVEL will give the top points scorer a "man of the match" trophy which he will keep.

There is also a colour portable television set to be won and this will be presented to the leading goalscorer in the Philips League.

After adding the points from the two "lost weekends" plus matches played two days ago, the up-to-date situation in the contest is now:-

27 - Terry Byrne
23 - David Mitchell
21 - Peter Katholos
19 - Peter Wilson (Leich)
17 - Joe Senkalski
16 - Chris Dunleavy, Alun Evans
14 - Jim Hermiston, Dennis Boland
13 - Ian Souness
12 - Col Bennett, Jim Campbell, Allan Maher
11 - Phil O'Connor, Alan Whittle, Martyn Crook, Tony Henderson, Paul Wilkinson
10 - Tony Brennan, Martin Coe, Peter Sharne, Greg Woodhouse, Robbie Cullen, Bill de Graaf, Arthur Xanthopoulos
9 - Larry Gaffney, Jim McBreen, Clive Campbell, Paul Burrows, John Djordjevic
8 - Gary Byrne, Steve Blair, Brian O'Donnell, Bruce James, Malcolm McClelland
7 - Jimmy Wright, Stuart Selvage, Jim Tansey, Doug Brown, Peter Tymczyszyn, Peter Boyle

BYRNE GLAD TO BE LEADING

By Steve Burns

Terry Byrne, for so long the ASW-Marconi Travel Trophy front-runner, is, at 22, one of the PSL's most accomplished performers.

And yet only a couple of months ago Canberra Arrows almost lost him.

He was almost ready to pack his bags after having agreed transfer terms with Rale Rasic's Blacktown.

The transfer fee was $15,000 — but Canberra's coach, George Murray, was not after money. Murray refused to lose Byrne unless he was actually replaced.

The season began, a super-fit Byrne showed his best-ever form and now, reminiscing, says:

"I made the best decision of my life in staying.

"I think 1981 is going to be Canberra's year. I want to be part of it. I've worked too hard not to be."

With over 80 PSL League and Cup appearances under his belt and 36 goals to his credit — one of the League's best performances — Byrne is regarded as a PSL veteran.

Few realise that he made his debut as an 18-year-old.

In fact he was soon singled out for extra-special attention and after only six games he was felled in a particularly savage tackle, broke his collarbone and looked like bing sidelined for weeks.

In a month he was back on the park.

"I reckon it still took me twice that time to stop favouring my shoulder," Byrne said.

Byrne, married to a childhood sweetheart, was playing with Preston North End's Central League side when he got the request to head to Australia — to join ex-Preston club mate, Ian Heywood (now with NSW State League side, Monaro) at Canberra.

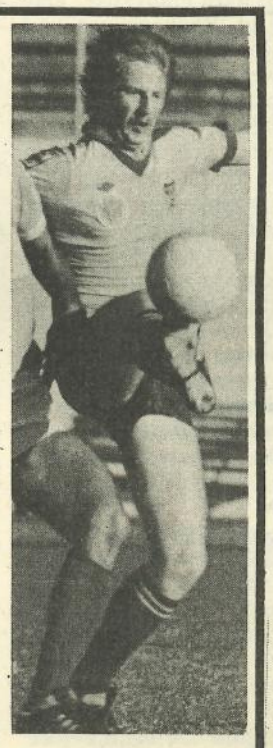
"I've never looked back since," said Byrne, now a permanent resident.

Many Canberra fans insist he should be in Gutendorf's Australian squad.

Certainly he has many solid seasons ahead of him.

And the thought of the magnificent ASW-Marconi Travel Trophy prize?

"Fabulous," he said. "Anyone would have to be a fool not to want to win it."



STAR INTERVIEW

MICK CHANNON

Talks to John Economos

I had the pleasure of catching up with one of England's most popular and colourful Soccer players last week at Marconi.

The player was Southampton's classy striker and England international, Mick Channon, currently in Australia as a guest player for Newcastle KB in the Philips Soccer League.

Newcastle, easily the most efficient and professional club in the PSL when it comes to club administration and promotion, in their wisdom approached the six-foot-tall Channon to play for them. Their choice was excellent, because Channon is an entertainer who has given hundreds of thousands of Soccer lovers thrills and spills with his size 8 boots.

Mick Channon, like Francis Lee, another England international, possesses a fantastic sense of humour, and is very quick-witted. One must be on guard constantly, otherwise the sharp "shots" he fires go "over the top".

Although Channon has a real sense of humour, one very soon realises that this man possesses a great degree of intelligence, and even when he is smiling he can be very serious when it comes to talking Soccer.

So we now go and meet Mr Mick Channon, wearer of the famous No 8 shirt for Southampton and England.

Q: When and where were you born?
A: The 28th of November, um . . . 1948, at Orcheston, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Q: Married and children?
A: Yes. My wife's name is Jane, and I have two children, Michael and Nicola.

Q: What was your first club?
A: Southampton. I was signed up at the age of 15 by Ted Bates. I was there for 13 years and then was transferred to Manchester City for $600,000 in 1977 where I played under Tony Book for three years, but then I requested to go back to my old club Southampton to continue under the managership of Laurie McMenemy.

Q: Besides Soccer, have you other interests?
A: Sure. I breed and race horses.

Q: Any special influential character in your playing career who helped you progress?
A: Yes. Playing with top class players you MUST always be influenced and helped. Lawrie McMenemy contributed some as well I suppose.

Q: Who are some of the top managers you respect in England?
A: Well, not many really. Lawrie McMenemy, Ted Bates and I'd have to slot in Sir Alf Ramsey and even Don Revie.

Q: Any room in there for Ron Greenwood?
A: No way.

Q: Sure about that?
A: Very sure.

Q: Would you like to elaborate on why Greenwood doesn't score points with you Mike, and can I quote you?
A: Sure. No sweat. It is as simple as this. Greenwood is a grey old man who selects grey old players to play a grey old game on an invariably grey old day. It is as simple as that. For example, would you select in the same team a striking line of Keegan, Woodcock and Francis?. No, of course you wouldn't. Well Greenwood has and does. Got it? No imagination or flair at all. Sure he picks the best players. But that is not what you want, is it? You want the best combination, don't you? Course you do. Got it?

Q: Yes I think so, but I think you are a bit harsh on him.
A: Not at all. Look at England over the last year or so. Last year in the European Championship we performed badly yet we lobbed over there with hopeful thinking. Not on, you see.

Mick Channon in action for England, versus Poland World Cup eliminations 1973.

Q: For the kids, a couple of questions off on a tangent for a minute. What are some of your favourite foods?
A: Anything and the lot. How's that?

Q: Any favourite film stars?
A: Yeah. Anybody that does a good job in a good film. OK?

Q: Yes OK. What about taste in cars?
A: A car is a car. I drive a Mercedes 450SL.

Q: Any hobbies?
A: Yes. Race horses as I said before, plus some cricket that I like to run around with. Really anything that will keep me fit.

Q: Any particular close friends?
A: Well yes, most are in the game of course. Asa Hartford, Kevin Keegan and Alan Ball.

Q: Who are some of your favourite Soccer players?
A: Very easy. Any player at all who PERFORMS. I would include Terry Paine, Alan Ball, Haan as most impressive. Pele and Beckenbauer you would have to rate as well. But I don't go for name players only. As I said before, any player who performs and performs consistently. Turning it on for only one game every now and then is no good for the team or for himself. So I emphasise consistency.

Q: Any particular advice you would like to convey to our many thousand Soccer juniors here in Australia?
A: Yes. Go out and enjoy your game. Always. Soccer is a game to be enjoyed, and with enjoyment comes expression on the ball. If you don't enjoy your game, it will show out on the pitch. Believe me.

Q: What is your normal routine the night before a game?
A: Nothing special at all really. Just a meal, a glass of wine and bed.

Q: From the very short time you have been here, what do you think Australian Soccer badly needs to improve overall?
A: Ah. Bit tough that one, but here goes. Well I think you guys out here need someone like Kerry Packer to move into Soccer and take it over completely. Know what I mean? You see back in England we felt strongly what Packer did for cricket. He poured stacks of dough into cricket and gave it very heavy promotion and you can see how cricket has rocketed over the last three years or so, and not just here in Australia, but even back in England. It has had world-wide repercussion. You have the kids here in this country, but rely on the overseas rejects heavily in top grade stuff. You need someone to take Soccer by the scruff of the neck, because it is a great game and you have not seen the best of it yet here.

Q: What makes Soccer such a fabulous sport?
A: Easy that one. Because it is so physically democratic, that's why.

Q: Could you break that down for our younger readers to understand please.
A: Yeah, OK. By physically democratic I mean that a little guy, if he is skilful enough and good enough, can succeed in Soccer. He doesn't have to be a big guy. Some of the world's top Soccer players are little guys. Maradona, Kevin Keegan, Billy Bremmner, Kenny Dalglish etc, etc . . .

Q: What do you think makes a great team?
A: A bunch of right players doing the right thing at the right time.

Q: What is a good player?
A: He must have ability, and he must play to his natural strengths and not venture into areas beyond his capabilities. He must be prepared to work very hard himself and be able to motivate himself without having to rely on someone else doing it for him.

Q: Conversely, what makes a good manager?
A: He must have a very good knowledge of the game. Must be able to understand players and be able to handle people, because after all, players are also people, and how they react. A good manager has to be able to make players feel, and fully understand, that they are part of a TEAM.

Q: Any other qualities you look for in a manager?
A: Yes. He must be courageous as well, otherwise if he is afraid, this fear automatically transfers across to his players and they play as such. My own manager at Southampton, Lawrie McMenemy, I would say is brave and thus he instills strong confidence into our squad.

Q: What has gone wrong with the England team today?
A: Well like I said to you before, they have the wrong man in charge at the top. Greenwood I mean. He is too nice. England needs far more flair, imagination and vision to lift herself out of the doldrums.

Q: Well who would you like to see replace Greenwood as the boss of the World Cup team?
A: Anybody at all who is positive but with a track record to qualify for the position. He must be his own man and be able to guide himself without any assistance or consultants as is now the case over in England.

Q: Could you knock out some specific names that would meet these requirements that you suggest?
A: Southampton's Lawrie McMenemy, Ronny Saunders from Aston Villa, who copped tremendous flack from the Press months ago yet kept pushing on and eventually won this year's championship. Know what I mean?

Q: Australian Soccer at the moment is in a mess. Can you offer some contributing solutions?
A: John, you will always have some form of problems in Soccer and they all require solving and many times the solutions are not easy. First, you must sort out your Soccer. Here you have professionals playing with amateurs. As well as this player-mix, you have amateurs running the game. You must formulate a very strong policy to get all your Australian youngsters to develop their Soccer. You MUST stop all U.K. rejects coming across here and revert to your juniors. Sure this will be an immediate backward step to take, but you must take this backward step before you can push forward. This you must do.

Q: Which English club do you respect the most?
A: Any good solid performer. Liverpool of course. My club. Aston Villa.

Q: What game is memorable to you in which you played?
A: A couple I would say. The World Cup match at Wembley against Poland which knocked England out of the Cup. And back in 1976 when we won the F.A. Cup Final against Manchester United. A great game this one.

Q: What player you played with won your respect?
A: Bobby Stokes and Jimmy Steele.

Q: Any other memorable match?
A: Yes. When we beat Argentina at Wembley.

Q: Biggest disappointment in your career as a professional Soccer player?
A: England's draw at Wembley with Poland (1-1) which killed England for the 1974 World Cup Finals in Germany. I played in that match and I was very disheartened for weeks after.

Q: What do you think of Soccer supporters in general?
A: They are everything in Soccer. I mean everything because they pay for the game and supporters hang around for years and years, whereas players just make it happen but they come and go. Players may have a life-span of about 10 to 15 years on an average, but supporters have a life-span far greater than this . . . maybe 45 to 60 years. They usually are better judges of players than professional managers as well because there are so many more of them to judge as a whole. Generally overall, if supporters like a player, he must be good.They know; you can't fool them.

Q: How much value do you place on tactics?
A: Not much at all. Players win matches, NOT tactics. Brilliant players are far more valuable to a team's success than a set of tactics. They are the ones that win you games . . . Pele, Beckenbauer, Keegan, Dalglish etc.

Q: For how long are you in Australia ?
A: I leave next Monday for England. I have enjoyed myself very much here with all the Newcastle boys. They have been great.

Q: Newcastle's manager Ray Baartz tells me that since you arrived, you have been a tremendous help to him in running the team smoothly.
A: No sweat at all. Baartzy may be laying it on a bit thick there. He's doing quite OK on his own, believe me.

Q: Mick I would like to thank you very much for this little chat we had, and on behalf of all AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY readers, I would also like to thank you for the immense pleasure you have given us on the Soccer pitch. . Thanks a million.
A: It's been my pleasure, really, but if you like, you can buy me a beer.

STRAIGHT SHOOTING

With MIKE MYSTAKIDIS

June is the last month for a player's transfer from one team to another ... the end of the transfer period.

Logically transfers with money shouldn't take place in our country, if we believe the financial picture presented to us by the clubs. The big money-spending by some clubs in the transfer market is contrary to what they say about their financial difficulties. The explanation is simple:

- How can one say he hasn't enough money to buy a shirt and then turn up with a new car?
- How is it possible to ask for $10 in one hand and spend $1,000 with the other?

This is the situation concerning transfers that has been given to us by the clubs.

There is also another view which justifies both sides — the team that gives the player and the team that receives him.

The first needs money to survive and the second needs playing strength to satisfy its supporters' demands for good results. For BOTH, it is clearly a matter of survival.

However the subject of transfers doesn't end here. It is also connected with the quality of the game, because, with transfers, the rich teams are improving their play and the strong are becoming even stronger. The poor become even poorer and weaker.

From this, a gap is created between the teams, which must produce declining interest in the competition.

Now you may ask why I say all this. Simply because I believe if transfers were restricted surely there wouldn't be such a difference in strength between the teams. Then the interest in the competition would be bigger and the spectators would follow it more.

What do you think?

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"Who took your eye out?" someone was once asked.

"My brother" came the reply.

"That's why the cut is so deep."

This old proverb applies totally to our Soccer today.

Bigger disasters come from within ourselves than from the New Zealanders, or anyone else. The strange thing is some officials, who failed in club administration, now raise their heads and accuse worthy top administrators. They do this not from love and interest for the game, but for their own public self-presentation.

We could do without such "friends", and this type of activity in our Soccer family.

HAWKS SOAR INTO CUP SEMI-FINALS

by Keith Gilmour

West Adelaide have a golden chance to make something of a very ordinary season when they meet Adelaide City in the Philips Cup semi-final at Hindmarsh Stadium on Wednesday night July 29.

Coach Peter Jaksa has had little time to do the preliminary work that he requires since taking over, but there is no doubt he will make the best of it that he can.

"Now that we have a sound committee, we can go ahead and rebuild West Adelaide into the strong unit that it should be," he said.

"Things were neglected, but now we can work professionally.

"Players will perform, and Vic Smythe and Peter Kowalski will add a lot to that, and also Colin Gregson.

Jaksa would like more time to work on fundamentals, but he must combine this aim with the need to quickly produce more cohesion.

He is delighted to have Shraga Topaz back in harness, and regards him as the "Beckenbauer of Australia," who is capable of mesmerising the opposition.

The other semi-final pairs the winner of Leichhardt and Marconi, to be played on July 8, with Brisbane Lions.

The game will most likely go to Barton Stadium (if Leichhardt wins) or Marconi (if Marconi wins).

Although the Cup final has been booked for Canberra, there would have been a weakness in the system if the Adelaide teams had been drawn in different semi-finals and had won through to the final.

The only place for such a match would have been Adelaide!

This provides a case for two legs in the final, if the Philips League remains in one division.

Each team would go before its local crowd, automatically giving a great boost to the series.

Canberra Arrows secretary Robert Preston says that the club has no intention of selling two players — coach George Murray was misquoted.

"Isaac Farrell was put on transfer at his own request, and the fee is $14,000. We did this with reluctance, and we have certainly no more men to spare," he said.

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Bob Latchford's injury is related to his former hamstring problem, but he hopes it is clearing up. He had treatment under Dr Kevin Hobbs, who is the top Rugby League specialist on sports injuries in Brisbane!

THE PRESTO SOCCER QUIZ

Step this way — for a great Presto prize.

Just answer the simple questions in A.S.W.'s PRESTO SOCCER QUIZ and send them on a sheet of paper to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, PRESTO QUIZ, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007. Please state your preference — either a leg of Presto ham or five kilos of Presto smallgoods.

All entries have to be in this office by Monday. The first correct entry opened will be the winner.

Here are the answers to last week's Presto Quiz:-

1.Two. 2.Murray Barnes. 3.Nottm.Forest. 4.Yes - Brazil. 5.West Ham United. 6.False - Spurs wear white.

The winner was:

Colette Fitzpatrick, of 134 Burns Rd, Turramurra, 2074, who chose five kilos of Presto smallgoods.

Now try this week's Presto Quiz:-

1. Wembley Stadium is 58 years old - true or false ?

2. Who is coach of Leichhardt in the PSL ?

3. What team won the European Cup a few weeks ago ?

4. Which national team did Puskas and Kocsis play for ?

5. Ossie Ardiles scored two goals for Spurs in the 1981 F.A.Cup Final replay - true or false ?

6. Does Craig Johnston play for Middlesbrough ?

The winner of this Quiz will be announced in next Tuesday's issue of AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY.

PRESTO
MEAT & SMALLGOODS

With the Girls

By DON BALMAIN

MORE THAN A LITTLE NIPPY!

During the recent holiday weekend, the New South Wales Women's Soccer Federation held the State Championships in Orange.

In States that hold State titles similar to NSW the object is to select a team that will represent their State in the National titles which will be held in Sydney in late August.

In the NSW Championships, all competing teams were required to play each other once.

The championship final was decided between the two teams having the most number of points at the conclusion of the elimination rounds.

Played at the Orange Sports Ground, a huge complex containing eight full-sized Soccer fields, matches started on Saturday morning in less than ideal conditions.

With a southerly wind blowing off snow covered hills to the south of Orange accompanied by persistant driving rain, women Soccer players who turned out in short-sleeved shirts were in danger of icing-up if they remained too long on the spot.

Even the local girls from the Orange Women's Association were seen to shiver in the intense weather conditions.

The spectators, who braved the conditions in the early morning games, were not comforted by one of the local officials who wandered amongst them saying: "Cheer up, wait until it gets really cold!"

The outside temperature when the first games started was three degrees and his comments proved correct as the second series of games played in mid-morning saw a further fall in the celsius reading and the driving rain turn to sleet.

Having set the scene, it is a wonder that any type of Soccer could have been played under the prevailing conditions but with the championships at stake and the possibility of a State team berth for some of the teams players, the games went ahead with players looking more like figure skaters than fast finishing forwards.

Kim Lembryk, who is renown for her quickness around the goal area, was no match for Mother Nature and spent a lot of time investigating the field from close quarters.

At the conclusion of the mid-morning games, conditions and deteriated to such a degree that officials from two associations approached for the day.

After discussion, it was decided to defer any decision until Saturday afternoon.

With the morning games concluded, there was a wholesale evacuation of the Orange Sports Ground as teams sped back to their accommodation for hot showers and warm beds.

At a motel where one group was staying rapid use of the available hot water on semi-frozen bodies left little for making hot drinks. As can be imagined, this led to loud protestations from the other guests.

Weather conditions improved somewhat on Saturday afternoon. There was still a refrigerated wind blowing up from the South but the ice-laden rain had reduced to a trickle.

Having been once caught, players from all sides had no intention of being subjected to the conditions again.

A most interesting array of garments took the field for Saturday afternoon matches.

One team, playing in long red shirts, had bright red gloves to match, courtesy of a team supporter.

Another team had players turning out wearing tracksuit pants with the top halves covered with shirts and jumpers and their Soccer shirts somehow fitted over the top of the bulk.

A goalkeeper of one team, skipping and hugging herself in an effort to get warm, was heard singing a little song to herself Part of it was, "I wish I was in Darwin, hoo-ray, hoo-ray."

One of the most notable aspects of playing in Orange was the improvement of the Orange District rep team over the one which made its initial entry into representative football last year.

This team, although beaten in every game, was no longer being thrashed nine or 10 nil.

In the game played against St George, a strong Sydney combination, the score was nil all at half-time, but the superior stamina of the St George girls told in the second half for them to run out winners in that game 3-0.

The Sunday scene was one of intense cold but fortunately little rain attached to it.

Mount Canoblis, a prominent peak to the south of Orange, had snow falling on it forcing trainers to counteract the refrigerated wind with long ballet tights and pullovers for their players.

Although the tournament was fortunate in being able to be played alternatively on four fields, injuries were rife with pulled tendons, strained muscles and ankle injuries taking their toll on members of teams.

Julie Dolan, a State player from last year, played in a defensive position with her team, Sutherland. In running back to defend, she propped in front of the six-metre line but skidded forward as if on skates and crashed her goalkeeper to the ground.

An interesting position on the score card was a talking point before games resumed on the Monday morning.

With St George out in front with eight points, there were several teams right behind them. The result of the day's games could have gone to one of three teams to play them in the final.

The result of the games was known by lunch time. The South Coast team was the one to play against the St George girls in the final game to be played at 2 p.m. that day.

It was hoped that an exhibition of training given by the State training squad could be performed during the lunch break but a quick tally from the available squad members showed that there was not one girl who was not injured in some way.

The final took place in dry, cold conditions but without the persistant wind blowing.

From the first whistle it was obvious that here would be an exhibition of women's Soccer that would be talked about for weeks to come.

It had everything. Determination from free running forwards and equally staunch defense efforts.

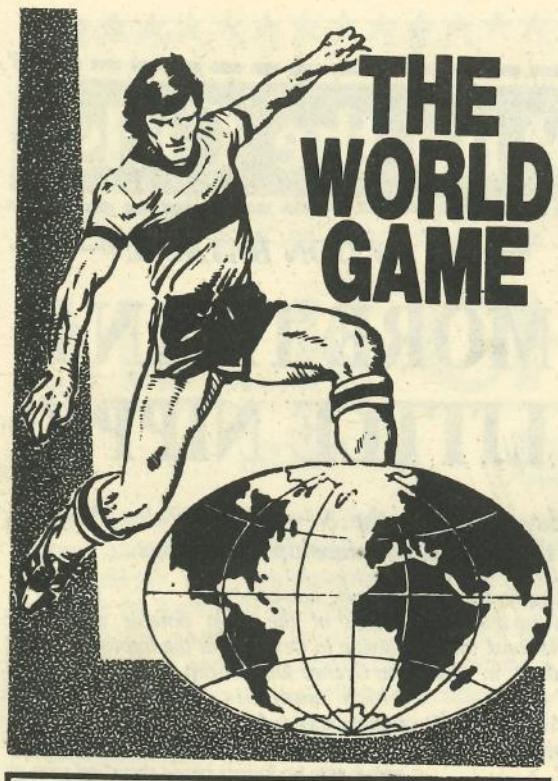
The first half passed all too quickly with neither team breaking through.

On the change around, both coaches urged their charges to greater heights but it was to no avail.

With the referee checking his watch in the last minute of the match, Cindy Heydon, a midfielder in the St George line-up unleashed a hurtling drive which the Souths keeper, Annette Gallagher, could not reach.

Almost immediately afterwards, the referee blew for termination and ended what proved to be a resounding spectacle of women's Soccer played at its best.

At the presentation, Mr Wal Illing, past president of the Orange Women's Soccer Association, had this to say: "The Orange district is proud to have hosted the 1981 NSW Championships and we have witnessed Soccer like we have never seen before. It will do a lot to help the growth of women's Soccer in the country areas."



HOLLAND ATTRACTS TALENT SCOUTS

Holland seems to be the happy hunting ground for English clubs in search of top talent.

Frans Thijssen and Arnold Muhren were two Dutchmen who did exceptionally well after moving to Ipswich Town from Holland.

Thijssen, in fact, was voted "player of the year" by the Football Writers Association this year.

Birmingham City are now anxious to sign striker Toine Van Mierlo and have offered $350,000 for him.

An even bigger attraction is an 18 year-old black midfielder called Rudi Gullit, who is described as "the new Dutch sensation."

Gullit was the superstar of a recent international Youth tournament and is progressing on the same lines as Argentina's brilliant Maradona.

Gullit plays for Haarlem in Holland — but not for long if Leeds United get their way.

Despite his lack of experience, Gullit attracted a $500,000 transfer bid from Leeds.

WORLD CUP MATCHES

Austria now look sure to join West Germany as qualifiers for next year's World Cup from European Group One.

In Linz, Austria slaughtered Finland 5 — 1, the winning team's goals coming from Herbert Prohaska (2), Hans Krankl, Kurt Welzl and Gernot Jurtin.

Two-goal Prohaska is one of Inter Milan's stars in Italian football. He banged home his two goals in the opening quarter of an hour, an effective way of silencing any Finnish resistance!

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Norway and Switzerland can probably forget all about Spain and the 1982 World Cup.

In Oslo last week, they had a 1 — 1 draw in European World Cup Group Four, which left both teams with four points.

Switzerland were in front 1 — 0 with only two minutes left but Norway's Sven Davidsen robbed them of victory with a late goal.

This Group now seems to be a three-way battle involving Romania, England and Hungary and, of that trio, the Hungarians are likely to miss out on the trip to Spain . . . after a disappointing home defeat by a struggling England team.

MIRO, MIRO, ON THE WALL!

If next year's World Cup in Spain is as mixed-up as one of the official posters publicising it, heaven help us!

The poster we print was specially designed (?) by Joan Miro.

As FIFA News states: "Miro's poster is so original that, although it does not pretend to represent the subject in a classical form, it also does not withdraw into the fantasies of the purely abstract. The great Catalonian master has translated his completely personal vision of football to be spread around his own language."

You could have fooled us!

BRITISH SWEDE BASHING

Lars Arnesson, manager of Sweden's World Cup squad, is no lover of British football.

Before Sweden played Northern Ireland in a World Cup elimination match, Arnesson said: "Your Soccer is just a bore!

"We see it every week in Sweden on television and the whole game suffers through lack of imagination.

"In Britain, all you do is play the long ball and pray it works. The rest is just a midfield battle."

It's strange that the Swedish team boss should be so critical of British football on TV. In Australia, the televised Soccer shows from England are admired enormously.

Lars Arnesson, coach.

COSMOS CAN'T BEAT THIS TAMPA JINX

Tampa Stadium, home of Tampa Bay Rowdies, is a "jinx" ground for glamour club New York Cosmos.

Since the Rowdies joined the North American Soccer League in 1975, Cosmos have managed only one win at the ground.

That dismal run of outs continued recently when Cosmos were beaten 2-1 in Tampa by Rowdies.

There were 36,765 spectators in the stadium to see Frank Worthington get the winning goal for the home team. Refik Kozic had opened the scoring and Giorgio Chinaglia was Cosmos marksman.

Wim Rijsbergen of Cosmos and Peter Roe of Rowdies were both sent off by referee Gordon Arrowsmith as the game became rough.

Hubert Birkenmeir in goal was rated Cosmos best performer, in fact Tampa Bay coach Gordon Jago said: "Only Birkenmeir stopped us having a runaway victory."

By the way, although the crowd was big, it disappointed officials of the Rowdies. It is the first time a Rowdies v Cosmos match at Tampa Stadium has attracted fewer than 40,000 people.

Last year, the attendance was 54,247.

Giorgio Chinaglia

BIG THREE TIPPED TO DO WELL

The World Cup in Spain is more than a year away — most qualifying Groups have not been settled — but already there is a huge amount of speculation about which nation will win the Cup.

A round-up of expert opinion suggest that the popular tips are the South American giants of Brazil and Argentina plus the always-dangerous West Germany.

Italy's Paulo Rossi named those three. He said he liked West Germany because they are always powerful; Brazil because it was clear they are building a solid side on the right lines and Argentina because of their outstanding individual talent and sensible preparations for 1982.

If any country is to provide a few shocks it could be the hosts, Spain.

The Spaniards have done nothing of note in the World Cup but there are two reasons for expecting success this time:

(1) They are playing at home in front of friendly fans.

(2) They indicated against England and Wembley that they are building a very useful squad.

CRUYFF SIGNS FOR DIPS — NOT MILAN

Johan Cruyff has signed for Washington Diplomats and will play for them until December.

This news is bound to upset Italian fans who were convinced the Dutch maestro was lined up for A.C. Milan.

Cruyff is a former Washington player.

He has become quite a Soccer mercenary and rejected the chance to play for Holland's World Cup team in the 1978 Cup in Argentina.

ITALIAN CUP FINAL

The final of the Italian Cup couldn't have been much closer. After drawing 1 — 1 in Rome, the finalists Torino and A.S. Roma, repeated that effort with another 1 — 1 draw in Turin.

So the Cup had to be settled on penalty kicks. And Roma went through to next season's Cup Winners Cup when they beat Torino 5 — 3 on penalties.

It is some consolation for A.S. Roma after a good season in which they promised to win the Italian first division championship only to be pipped on the post by another Turin side, Juventus.

FASHANU SCORES JUSTIN TIME

By Greg Blake

The renaissance expected at Heidelberg with the return of reverred former State coach Len McKendry took a surprise setback with a Philips Cup quarter-final exit.

In a repeat of one of the 1980 semi-finals, it was Adelaide City's turn for triumph as they revenged their loss on penalties to Heidelberg last year.

Winners of the Cup in 1979, Adelaide City took their chance for another semi berth by downing the Warriors 1-0 at Olympic Park.

City, renowned cup fighters, created their own piece of Philips League history by reaching the semis in four successive seasons.

But for McKendry the much-needed victory tonic was again not forthcoming in his second match since returning from the limbo of a six-month penance on State League duty with Essendon Croatia.

McKendry is the man the Warriors need but Heidelberg's 10th coaching appointment (that I can recall!) in four and a half years means each survives an average of 13 matches.

Talk about your Sheriff of Boot Hill!

However I felt the improvement shown in a scoreless tie at South Melbourne three days earlier continued into this match and the Warriors can consider themselves a little unlucky to loose to a goal by Justin Fashanu three minutes from time.

Fashanu, Norwich's English international, was playing the first of six guest matches for City.

The Bergers played some of their best football of the season in the first half and, with Jim Campbell making the middle of the park his own, were desperately unlucky not to go in with a lead at the interval.

City, without John Nyskohus and John Perin, were struggling to stay in the game.

Heidelberg keeper Jeff Olver was outstanding in the second period, making three marvellous reflex saves from Fashanu, Chris Manou and David Mitchell. Charlie Villani also hit the post.

But, within a minute of taking the field to replace Manou, it was sub Brian Northcote who saw his low angle-shot knocked in on the far post by Fashanu to end what could have been the last chance for Heidelberg to take a prize in 1981.

Heidelberg Warriors 0 Adelaide Giants 1 (half-time 0-0). Crowd: 2,000.

CHANNON TAKES IT EASY

By Brad Earl

Newcastle maintained their new-found momentum under Ray Baartz when they defeated Marconi 2-1, thanks mainly to sterling defensive work by Paul Reaney and top midfield play by Kiwi captain Steve Sumner.

Mick Channon, KB's guest star from England, played his second and only away game for them, and had a very easy night against the lack-lustre Marconi.

He never had to extend himself, and most of the time he just walked along and stroked off slow, delicate, and, most importantly, pinpoint passes.

"A little bit too unselfish," was coach Baartz' post-match comment on Channon.

The big England international showed his tremendous professionalism by coming back to lend a hand to defence in the second half, and did it very capably.

He also played a big part in both goals. The first, in the 16th minute, started with a Graham Heys corner, which Channon collected on the edge of the box and returned to Heys, who swung the ball back in to the centre of the area. Bob Mountford was waiting to smash a hard header that edged into the bottom corner with Marconi keeper Allan Maher almost carried into the net with the ball.

Marconi increased pressure towards the end of the first period and into the second, although there was little skilful Soccer from them. The side must be given credit, however, for the way they came forward in the second half and place strains the Newcastle defence.

The man who did most in the defence was former Leeds great, Paul Reaney, who showed tremendous professional composure. In the opening minutes of the match he had twice defused potentially dangerous situations, but two, more vital clearances stand out.

In the 22nd minute, he cleared a ball out of the goal area with Phil Dando, Newcastle's goalie, beaten, and in the 70th minute he got the Raiders out of trouble again at a very crucial point where the game could have swung either way. Mark Jankovics headed the ball goalwards after a poor punch by Dando, but Reaney was on the line to clear.

In the 77th minute Marconi looked like exposing the defence. The ball came to Bertie Mariani inside the box, and as he steadied himself for a shot, he was felled by Mountford. A penalty — and Gary Byrne never seems to miss — levelled the scores.

But under 60 seconds from the kick-off, Channon took the ball down the right wing and sent in a soft, lobbing pass into Senkalski's path, who caught the defenders with their pants down as he ran through. He shot close to Maher, who failed to stop the ball and it trickled into the net for Newcastle's winner.

"We deserved the win, we were the better team. We came looking for two points, and we're very satisfied to go home with them," Baartz said. "But playing that type of football was the most satisfying thing of all."

Newcastle did play well with their tight, grafting, and attractive work.

There was very little intelligence put into the play by Marconi, with the exception of Houssein Housseini, who tried hard to play cleverly virtually on his own in midfield. There was little running off the ball, no enthusiastic spirit. Jankovics and Peter Sharne, who can be so potent, looked cumbersome, while the five-man defence was sloppy at times.

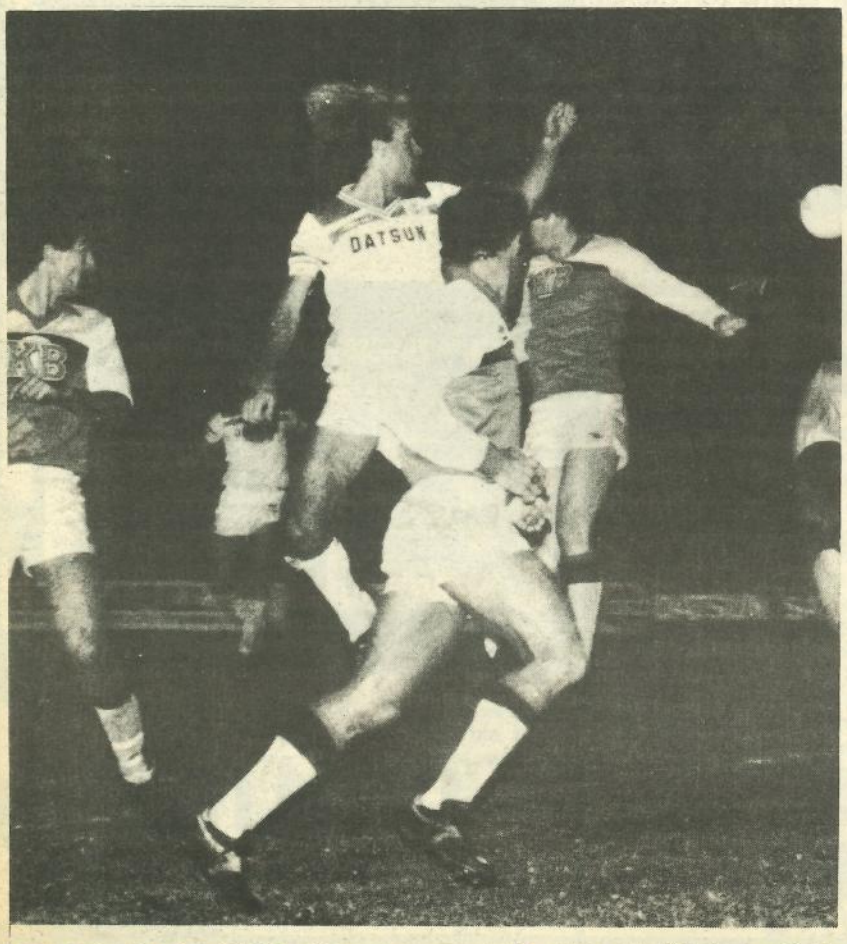
Raul Blanco, Marconi's coach, said: "I thought it was a very good team effort, particularly if you compare it to some of our other performances this year. We could have released the ball earlier in midfield, though."

MARCONI: Maher, Brogan, Degney, Henderson, Calderan, Muir, Byrne, Housseini, Sharne, Mariani, Jankovics.

NEWCASTLE: Dando, Reaney, Tredinnick, Drinkwater, Sneddon (Jones 68), Senkalski, Sumner, Mason, Heys, Mountford, Channon.

Rereree: R.Lorenc (Sydney). Crowd: 2,600.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Marconi - Housseini (1); Newcastle - Reaney (3).



Mark Jankovics rises high for Marconi, surrounded by Newcastle KB players, Craig Mason (left), Paul Reaney and Roy Drinkwater

WALLACE DIDN'T FOLLOW SCRIPT

By John Field

The scenario was perfect for Tommy Docherty's final fling as coach of Sydney Olympians.

More than 5,000 fans turned up at Sydney Sports Ground on the coldest night of the winter to pay homage to The Doc at Olympians Philips Cup tie against Leichhardt.

Fresh from the humbling of Preston Rams, and with a string of impressive recent performances behind them, Olympians were all set to send Docherty on his way with memories of a memorable Cup victory over Willie Wallace's Leichhardt.

Unfortunately, Wallace and his men did not stick to the script. They had completely different ideas about a "happy ending" to the play. So they dumped Olympians from the Cup with a sound 2-1 win.

The Olympians supporters claim they had all the bad luck possible and all the front-of-goal chances. Not true. I thought Leichhardt deserved to win.

As in the PSL match at Pratten Park not long ago. Leichhardt kept their heads in front of goal while Olympians did just the opposite. All the pressure in the world means little if goal openings are not converted.

Leichhardt tend to be an under-rated side — probably because their football in the past few years has lacked real magic or polish. Willie Wallace, however, is winning his battle. He is building a team capable of troubling anyone.

Perhaps more important, the Leichhardt squad has now been increased to the stage where Wallace can select his line-up from 17 or 18 players — all with the talent to justify selection.

Phil O'Connor set Leichhardt on the victory road with a headed goal in the 34th minute, the ball taking a deflection off Andy Scott's shoulder. Marshall Soper, from an O'Connor pass, made it 2-0 in the 75th minute. At this stage, Leichhardt looked certain to succeed, despite quite a bit of Olympians pressure.

Roy Cotton made the score 2-1 just 11 minutes from the end with a cracking half-volley hit on the turn and, although Scott headed on to Leichhardt's post in the last minute, Olympians were out.

Mark Koussas had chances to take Olympians through. He hit the crossbar once and the goalkeeper twice. Either this young man is desperately unlucky or he doesn't know how to score goals. Olympians will hope it's a case of hard luck.

In the Leichhardt side, Phil O'Connor always needed close watching. Apart from scoring the first vital goal, he created several other chances — obviously appreciating the space he was given when Olympians surged upfield.

Peter Wilson was also a commanding presence sweeping up at the back: in fact, there was much to admire in the Leichhardt line-up.

They'll trouble many teams this year.

OLYMPIANS: Peter Wilson, Moulis (Cross 64), Ziras, Scott, Raskopoulos (Cotton 45), Rowden, Laing, Wilson, Koussas, Katholos, Jennings.

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse, Gray, McAusland, Bradley, Wilson, Hughes, Soper, Coyne, Pirie (Morsello 77), Kafka, O'Connor.

REFEREE: C. Bambridge.

MAN OF THE MATCH (not for ASW-MARCONI TRAVEL contest): Olympians - Scott (3); Leichhardt - O'Connor (4).

The Doc says goodbye to his loyal Olympic supporters at the Sports Ground, with Hugh Johns

NEW HAWKS DEMOLISH

By Tom McKain

Adelaide Hawks will not be relegated. That's the message from their 4-2 Philips Cup quarter-final win over Brisbane Gladiators at Hindmarsh Stadium last Wednesday night.

Apart from the victory, Hawks' morale got a tremendous lift.

Firstly Tom Totsikas came in from the reserves to play a magnificent game as stopper in place of the injured Tom Forde.

Next, forwards Peter Kowalski and Vic Smythe were cleared at the last minute from State League club Croatia.

Coaches Peter Jaksa sat them on the bench as youngsters Aldo Lorenzoni and George Koulianos played well as striker and winger, Lorenzoni getting the equaliser in the 18th minute after Kevin Caldwell had put Gladiators in the lead in the 11th minute.

During the second half Jaksa took off the youngsters and sent on Kowalski and Smythe.

The latter got the fourth goal from a Kowalski pass, and Manecas the third from a Smythe pass.

Manecas had put Hawks in front in the 70th minute, following a Gladiators goal by Bobby Hamilton in the 48th minute.

To complete Hawks' magnificent night, Graham Honeyman in midfield was superb, and along with Manecas turned in his best performance of the season.

If Hawks continue to play as they did against Gladiators, and Sydney City in the league, they can stake a claim as a possible Cup finalists, and look certain to get out of the relegation zone.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

Philips Soccer League

NEWCASTLE KB RAIDERS V LEICHHARDT STRIKERS
DATE: Saturday, June 27. KICK-OFF: 2.30 pm.
VENUE: International Sports Centre.
OFFICIALS: Referee - E. Venios Linesmen - A. Rodway, J. Judd.

BRISBANE LIONS V SOUTH MELBOURNE GUNNERS
DATE: Sunday, June 28. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Richlands.
OFFICIALS: Referee - D. Nugent. Linesmen - C. Amos, G. Nicholson.

BLACKTOWN DEMONS V WOLLONGONG WOLVES
DATE: Sunday, June 28. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Gabbie Stadium.
OFFICIALS: Referee - J. Reeves. Linesmen - A. Owens, P. Haffey.

MARCONI LEOPARDS V SYDNEY SLICKERS
DATE: Sunday, June 28. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Marconi Stadium.
OFFICIALS: Referee - B. Harwood. Linesmen - G. Power, A. Morrison.

SYDNEY OLYMPIANS V BRISBANE GLADIATORS
DATE: Sunday, June 28. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Pratten Park.
OFFICIALS: Referee - P. Rampley. Linesmen - B. Wilkinson, T. Williams.

HEIDELBERG WARRIORS V ADELAIDE GIANTS
DATE: Sunday, June 28. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Olympic Park.
OFFICIALS: Referee - R. Mee. Linesmen - J. Fearn, M. Momont.

FOOTSCRAY EAGLES V PRESTON RAMS
DATE: Sunday, June 28. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Schintler Reserve.
OFFICIALS: Referee - T. Davies. Linesmen - S. Zoumas, M. Gaut.

ADELAIDE HAWKS V CANBERRA ARROWS
DATE: Sunday, June 28. KICK-OFF: 2.30 pm.
VENUE: Hindmarsh Stadium.
OFFICIALS: Referee - D. Campbell. Linesmen - J. Rossis, P. Smallman.

Soccer Terms explained: No. 11

A Draw.

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NEXT WEEKEND'S PREVIEWS

ADELAIDE HAWKS V CANBERRA

By Tom McKain

Adelaide Hawks went so close against Sydney Slickers at Hindmarsh Stadium the other week, that they must be given a chance to stop Canberra Arrows' charge.

Hawks' coach Peter Jaksa will be hoping to have winger Jimmy Wright fully fit for this one and he will have his two latest State League signings, Peter Kowalski and Vic Smythe with two games behind them — a Cup quarter-final and the league match in Newcastle.

Former Greek international Con Kambas is also fit again after a thigh injury.

But no matter how the field men play, it's Martyn Crook in goal who will have to be in top form.

When they hit their stride, Arrows are devastating with Ian Gibson, Ian Purdie and Tony Brennan all looking for goals.

Apart from the home ground advantage, Hawks will recall that they beat Canberra 2-1 in the fifth round.

However, Jaksa and his men are not likely to rely on previous glories.

But they will be counting on the muscles and speed of Kowalski to plough a way through the Canberra defence, and the guile of Graham Honeyman who has now hit top form in midfield, with the help of the tearaway Ian McGregor, who is again relishing a midfield role under Jaksa.

Shraga Topaz, the Israeli international, is also coming good and there are signs that morale is improving among the players and supporters.

Whatever happens it's going to be another exciting day at Hindmarsh, and a possible nightmare for defenders, with so much attacking potential around.

SHRAGA TOPAZ

BLACKTOWN V WOLLONGONG

By John Field

Blacktown don't seem to be having a lot of luck recently. Admittedly they are short of two or three class players but they are seldom well beaten despite being in such a desperate position on the PSL table.

In fact only this week, their talented coach Rale Rasic, looking back on last Sunday's narrow defeat at Leichhardt, commented : "I've lost count of the games we've lost by one goal."

At Lambert Park, Blacktown had to play half the game with 10 men so their 3 - 2 defeat was a worthy effort.

If that form is repeated next Sunday at The Gabbie, Wollongong are likely losers but the Wolves are an unpredictable bunch.

They started the year with refreshing enthusiasm, as was expected of new boys to the PSL, but more recently they have lapsed into a series of not very exciting drawn games. When these teams met at Wollongong, there were complaints about Blacktown's offside tactics.

Next Sunday, I believe the Demons will be more concerned about scoring goals than preventing them.

I'm tipping Blacktown to win with the tricky John Djrodjevic as the possible match-winner.

SYDNEY OLYMPIANS V BRISBANE CITY

By John Field

Now that the Tommy Docherty euphoria has evaporated, many answers will be supplied concerning the true merit of Sydney Olympians.

Are they really as exciting and forceful as they so often appeared while the Svengali Doc was here to inspire them? Or are they just a keen bunch of youngsters who played above themselves because they were inspired by a persuasive coach?

I have no doubts that Olympians — even without Docherty — are a very useful side. At the same time, I refuse to accept that they have sufficient talent to merit comparison with the giants of the Philips League like South Melbourne and Sydney City.

This match at Pratten Park will be the perfect reunion to put Olympians to the test.

While Brisbane City may lack glamorous stars, their high standing on the PSL table emphasises their worth.

George Potter, now relieved of playing duties, is doing a fine job as coach.

He has some worthwhile talent in the shape of Larry Gaffney, Paul Wilkinson, Martin Coe and, when he's fit, Steve Perry.

The big "plus" for Olympians, though, is home ground advantage. That's worth a good start usually if the Greek supporters are in good voice. They are undoubtedly keen. They are also aggressive — as Tony Boskovic discovered in a recent visit.

I think Olympians will win the match but it would be no surprise if the men from Brisbane upset that prediction.

MARCONI V SYDNEY SLICKERS

By Keith Gilmour

There is no team that Slickers' coach Eddie Thomson fears more than Marconi, unless it is South Melbourne.

That even applies although Marconi have had quite an ordinary season and have faded to the stage that it would take a miracle to bring them back into premiership contention.

It is very recent history that Marconi pulled all the stops out to defeat the Slickers in both the pre-season charity match at Redfern Oval and the Philips Cup match at Bossley Park.

But they were caned unmercilessly by Sydney City in the first round of the League, when the Slickers rattled in five goals without reply.

This sets a very interesting but quite unusual backdrop to Sunday's game, but on present indications it is Sydney City to win.

Ian Souness has proved a very outstanding playmaker, and in John Kosmina the team has the most skilled striker in the country.

Marconi's strikers have failed to impress all year, with the possible exception of Peter Sharne, who remains an automatic choice in Les Scheinflug's rebuilt national team.

There are two theories on the Fairfield Leopards. One is that they are too slow and shaky at the back, and fail to stream forward in their natural style.

The other is that they are playing without getting the run of the ball — missing points where they should be collecting them.

The former will be the one to prevail unless the tide changes quickly, but it would be an act of supreme folly to look for their resurgence on Sunday even though they will be in front of their own fans.

BRISBANE LIONS V SOUTH MELBOURNE

By Wally Bruce

Next Sunday is the big one as far as Brisbane Lions are concerned, the clash at Richlands against the mighty Gunners — South Melbourne.

If Lions are to continue their belated run towards a possible top four position, they must of course take two points, and South Melbourne, as yet unbeaten away from home, would view a loss as a severe setback to their title-winning hopes.

To warn South Melbourne against becoming too complacent, they would do well to recall that Lions have lost only one game at home this season.

And that was their first fixture at Richlands, when goalkeeper Nigel Lownds dropped a harmless cross with only minutes remaining to present Newcastle United with a 1-0 win.

Since then, Lions have come up with some pretty useful performances at home, including a 1-0 victory over the high-flying Canberra Arrows.

Everyone in the Lions camp is keeping their fingers crossed that Bob Latchford will be back on deck for this one and at the time of writing, the omens were promising.

The likes of Evans, Buljevic, Cummings, Shirra and Campbell normally would regard this outcome a foregone conclusion, but certainly not against the combined might of Hermiston, Bennett, Ontong, Niven and Lownds.

FOOTSCRAY EAGLES V PRESTON RAMS

By Greg Blake

For Preston in recent seasons, a match against Melbourne rivals Footscray, even at Schintler Reserve, held no worries for them.

As a State League side last season, they were still managing to down the Eagles — usually pretty easily.

This season the Rams produced a brilliant 90 minutes to thrash the Eagles 3-0 at Conner Reserve and one would expect the Rams to have no trouble producing another victory this Sunday.

However Footscray have taken all but one of their points this season at home, new players Verweij and Licanin have added some bite to complement an always-adequate defence and, although the season has all but ended in terms of winning something, there seems to be a new-found determination around the club.

Preston, despite having a superior line-up, at least potentially, are in trouble. Key men have been lost through injury and suspension from almost the beginning of the year, coach Brian Edgley has resigned, the team has a pitiful away record and Peter Ollerton, interim coach at the time of writing, good as he may be, might not be the answer as playing-coach to the discipline problems that have plagued Preston all season.

Perhaps his appointment may have the opposite effect and Preston will resume their rise to power which ended with a whimper some 10 weeks back.

However I rather fancy there will be some jubilant Blues fans after Sunday because, for all the problems at Footscray, discipline no longer seems to be one of them. Their defence has literally crushed the life from two or three of their more illustrious visitors this season and finally young Bruno Cozzella has a couple of fair-dinkum strikers to work with up front.

If playmaker Jovanovic gets going early in midfield I think Footscray will upset the disappointing Rams.

HEIDELBERG V ADELAIDE CITY

By John Economos

This will be a most attractive game to go to, as both teams play attacking Soccer. Adelaide City this year, after a somewhat shaky start, have been picking up points left and right and will be challenging very strongly for honours at the end.

Since the inception of the PSL, this side has always played a most stylistic game of Soccer and this year has been no exception. Their display against Marconi to beat them 4-1 was superb. Villani and Marocchi control traffic in the middle, with the ever-improving Mitchell up-front in top form assisting Johnny Nyskohus.

For this match, Adelaide will be without Mitchell, who is on Youth team duty, but that is compensated by the inclusion of England First Division guest player, Justin (the Black Flash) Fashanu, who has hit the target twice in two games since arriving on the scene.

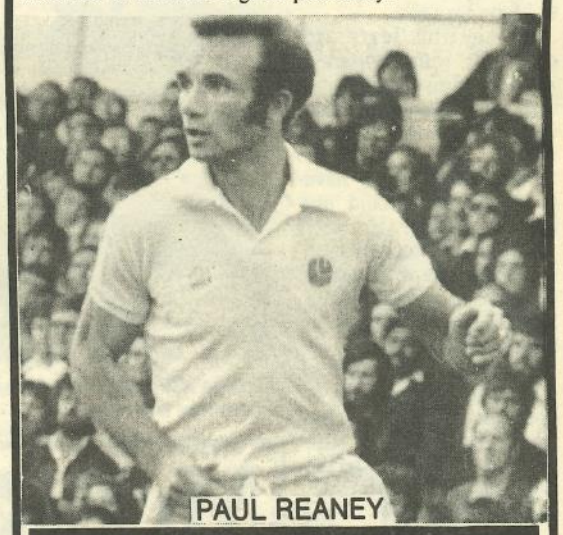
To counter this, Heidelberg's back-four, marshalled by the ever-reliable, tough-as-teak McMillan, will have to have their wits about them, allowing the Heidelberg "architects", Rooney and Campbell, to formulate raids for their strikers.

Big Gary Cole is long, long overdue for a top game. Maybe now with Lenny McKendry back in charge of last year's grand final winners (he should never have left in the first place), the big mobile blond striker will be sufficiently motivated to deliver the goods for his old master.

Heidelberg must not make the mistake of ignoring Adcity's robust right-back, Bobby Russell, who has habit of pushing all the way up from the back to sling in top crosses to the back post for his strikers.

This game is vital to both teams. For the home side, the two points will push them further up the ladder and further away from the "red zone", whilst a victory for Adcity will keep them well entrenched in second spot to strike out strongly for the leadership of the PSL.

Again I say this match will prove outstanding entertainment for the paying customer, with a level scoreline at full-time a great possibility.



PAUL REANEY

NEWCASTLE V LEICHHARDT

By David Jack

Newcastle KB Raiders have overcome all sorts of traumas which could never have been visualised when the season started.

If anyone had suggested coach Alan Vest would be out midway through the season, we wouldn't have believed it. Nor could anyone expect to see Ray Baartz installed in the coaching hot seat. But these things have happened and Newcastle's many fans will hope that the changes have been for the better.

It is no secret that Vest expected big things from the KB team at the start of this year's competition and those hopes have not been fulfilled.

However, immediately after the Baartz takeover, things started to look up for Newcastle and a win next weekend over a smart and efficient Leichhardt will emphasise that KB are on the mend.

It is a pity good players like Peter Tredinnick, Kenny Boden and Arno Bertogna had to be sold to balance the books but there is still plenty of talent available, well-marshalled by English international Paul Reaney who has been in great form recently.

Leichhardt travel north with great expectations. They may not be flashy performers but they are now getting a lot of respect from all opposing sides. Striker Marshall Soper will be particularly keen to do well in this match because he was playing State League in Newcastle when Leichhardt boss Willie Wallace was tipped off about his ability.

Seemingly Newcastle KB overlooked his potential and the youngster had to move to Sydney to gain Philips League recognition.

Soper is only one of the several new faces at Leichhardt to have done well in the past few weeks. Teenagers are graduating through the ranks from the Apia juniors and none has been disgraced in the top company. Add to this young talent the vast experience of good players like Peter Wilson, Zdenko Kafka and Phil O'Connor and it is easy to see why Leichhardt have suddenly became a threat to all in the PSL.

I predict a close encounter but lean slightly towards Newcastle KB to deliver the goods.

PSL MATCH REPORTS

STEVE WOODDIN HITS TOP KIWI FORM

By Alan Richardson

South Melbourne's costly Kiwi import, Steve Wooddin, at last came good in the team's 2-1 win over struggling Footscray at Middle Park. Wooddin did what he wanted with Footscray for much of the time.

The crowd of 5,000 clearly wanted many more goals from a South Melbourne side which has gone slightly off the boil recently, but chances were wasted and that's why Footscray were able to get away with a respectable scoreline.

For most of the match, South Melbourne were superior and there is no reason why they should not have won with several goals to spare.

In addition to Wooddin, the winners were also well served by top performances from Steve Blair, Alun Evans and George Campbell.

Footscray's best player — as so often in the past — was goalkeeper Dennis Boland, but in this team, the goalkeeper always has to be on his toes!

Relegation fears are constantly with Footscray. Against South they did their best to stem the tide with strong tackling but that was not enough. Several shots would have gone in had Boland not been at his best.

Other Footscray men who came out of the match with some medals were Zoran Ilioski and recent import Licanin.

In the first 25 minutes, South had two chances to open their account — first when Wooddin hit the upright and later when the same player had a header saved by Boland.

Obviously Wooddin had the scent of goals. He put his team in front after 27 minutes when a good centre by Campbell to Evans was passed on to the Kiwi international who made no mistake.

A few minutes later, Evans, receiving a ball from Wooddin, shot from close range only for Boland to save again.

Then a raid by Wooddin into the penalty box was halted by Jim Milne, but not apparently legally. A penalty kick was awarded and George Christopoulos had no trouble in scoring.

In the early part of the second half, Footscray showed a marked improvement and actually had South in trouble for about 10 minutes. In this spell, they played some excellent football although there was no end result in the shape of clear scoring chances. The nearest they came to a goal was in the 79th minute as Licanin rattled the post with a good chance.

In the very last minute, Johann Verweij, on loan from Brisbane Lions, managed to get a consolation goal for the losing team.

This was a victory South Melbourne desperately needed with so many other PSL clubs chasing them consistently for points at the top of the table. But it was a defeat Footscray could not afford. They face an uphill struggle for survival which sounds very much like the annual summary of their problems.

SOUTH MELB: Laumets, Bannon, Davidson, Blair, Xanthopoulos, Rogers, Stevenson, Christopoulos, Evans, Wooddin, Campbell.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, Milne, Belic, Kondarios, Kyriakouleas, Jovanovic, Ilioski, Licanin, Cozzella, Verweij, Luijic.

REFEREE : J.Fearne.

MAN OF THE MATCH: South Melbourne - Wooddin (4); Footscray - Boland (3)

George Christopoulos overshadows Nebojsa Licanin in the South Melbourne-Footscray match

McBREEN GOAL SAVED WOLVES

By Phil Murphy

A gem of a goal from Jim McBreen gave Wollongong a 1-1 draw against a determined Brisbane Lions at Wollongong Showground on Sunday and was one of the few highlights in a dull game.

McBreen turned onto a cross from Peter Tredinnick and struck the ball perfectly to put the Wolves level, after it seemed they might lose their second home game in a row.

McBreen's effort was one of only two clear chances to come Wollongong's way in a game dominated by midfielders.

The other chance fell to full-back Peter Willis, who was left with the opportunity of scoring the winner after being set up by John Fleming.

Willis was probably shocked to find himself in such a position and blasted the ball wide with only goalkeeper Nigel Lownds to beat.

The outcome was probably fair all round because Lions certainly didn't deserve to go home empty-handed.

They showed a lot more flair in attack than Wollongong, with Craig Low a constant danger on the right wing.

It was the long-haired winger who ripped Wollongong's defence apart to put Brisbane ahead five minutes before the interval.

He made a short burst in which he rounded two defenders and sent an unstoppable angled shot into the Wollongong net.

The goal came at a perfect time for Brisbane but they still played most of the second half as if they would be quite happy with a point.

Jim Hermiston and Colin Bennett were always solid at the back for Lions but were never really under too much pressure.

Far too many of the Wollongong attacks broke down before they reached the penalty area — a problem coach, Ken Morton, has had for quite a while now.

Morton also lacks height in his front-runners and the likes of Hermiston and Bennett have a definite advantage in this situation.

Wollongong did play some good midfield stuff at times but this doesn't win games and certainly won't bring their supporters back to build up the atmosphere felt at the ground for the earlier home matches.

WOLLONGONG: Preston, Willis, Dunleavy, Bertogna, Ainsworth, Lathan, Tredinnick, Adam, Fleming, Campbell, McBreen.

BRISBANE: Lownds, Ontong, Hogg, Hermiston, Bennett, Ferris, Wilson, Ogden (Latchford 68), Low, Daunt, McNaughton.

Referee: G.Power. Crowd: 3,748.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Wollongong - Dunleavy (3); Brisbane - Bennett (3)

PSL MATCH REPORTS

OLLERTON LEADS WITH FANATICISM

By Greg Blake

If games were won on effort and determination taught by example, temporary Preston coach, Peter Ollerton would have the Rams in the top four in no time. Although Bob Provan had the better of him, Ollerton seemed at times fanatical in his desire to lift the team.

But with George McMillan as one of the few exceptions, his charges didn't follow suit and the Rams wasted a gale-force first half wind advantage and a more composed Heidelberg won their first game under reinstated Len McKendry 2-0 at Conner Reserve.

And to prove beyond any doubt that McKendry was back it was his feared "old-firm" striking duo of Gary Cole and Jamie Paton back on the score sheet.

The difference in this basically tried and proven Heidelberg line-up -McGrory and Monagle were on the bench -can be summed up as McKendry and confidence.

Preston are in trouble.

Struggling on Sunday without Brown and Lucceshi (both suspended) and with Robbie Cullen suffering an obvious injury,they looked, at best, mediocre and second rate.

Ollerton's job of pin-pointing the reason for such a swift demise is unenviable.

Perhaps the hackneyed phrase about a team full of stars not making a star team is applicable here because stars Preston have.

In a room adjacent to the silent Preston change area was a chirpy Len McKendry and an equally delighted group of favourite sons.

Also there smiling like old times was the, I suspect, slightly embarrassed Heidelberg brains trust, the men behind the dealings that led to McKendry's eight month exile.

But at 5-45 pm Sunday the last few horrendous months began to slip away and despite some still obvious flaws the old spirit is starting to return. Only Pat Bannon is missing as a grim reminder of the turmoil of the last six months.

In a first half where Preston of eight weeks ago would have hammered at least three, the Warriors defended responsibly.

The grace of Yzendoorn, tenacity of McMillan and class of Tansey enhanced the key roles played by Olver and Provan.

While the full-backs were disposing of potential match winners Whittle and Cullen, Provan subdued the aeriel power of big 'Ollie'.

Olver, always cast as the boy in a man's role, silenced his critics once again.

One majestic leap to hold an almost certain own goal was breathtaking.

The blistering wind destroyed much of the pleasure that went with the meeting between this pair on the billiard table green at Olympic Park in March.

An alarming factor for Preston, was that a mistake by Provan a back pass into the path of Ollerton which was sent fractionally wide by the Preston coach provided them with their only better than average scoring chance of the first half.

Had Preston scored before the interval they could have won. They couldn't and didn't.

Jim Rooney, freed from the shackles of coaching, and his successor in midfield, Charlie Yankos, were great.

While Preston waited for some Cullen/Whittle/Ollerton/Brown type magic, it was the Warriors control and poise that brought them home.

On the hour Paton made his first effective touch of the day when a McMillan throw was flicked to him by Yankos and, given an acre in the area, he made it count.

A Gary Cole half-chance smashed onto the underside of the bar moments later would normally have shattered his confidence.

On the contrary, a surging, full-blooded run onto a delightful ball out of defence by Campbell in the 69th minute, provided a perfect backdrop to the most lethal of Cole's devastating finishes, as he sent a pile-driver billowing into the back of the net.

A simple, effective move and ominously similar to something we all witnessed in Canberra on grand final day last year.

PRESTON: Kastner, Rainey, McMillan, Petrovski, Beech, Faulkner, Little (Stoikos 81), Flavelle, Cullen, Ollerton, Whittle.

HEIDELBERG; Olver, Tansey, Provan, Yzendoorn, McMillan, Rooney, Yankos, Campbell, Selemidis, Paton, Cole.

Attendance: Approx. 5,000

REFEREE: C. Bambridge

MAN OF THE MATCH: Preston - G.McMillan (2); Heidelberg - A.McMillan (3)

"Great Propaganda For The Game"

By Ian Smith

The above quote for the Newcastle - West Adelaide match came from the mouth of Manecas and I only wish I'd said it. The quote is particularly apt, as boring, negative, defensive tactics were never a part of this game.

It was wide open, end-to-end stuff, and a bountiful number of skills were on display.

The Hawks had ex-Croatia recruits, Peter Kowalski and Victor Smythe, up-front playing their first League game, and they were an integral part of a side that came to attack, a refreshing change from most away teams.

Newcastle were more than prepared to match them and, just 13 into the game, the opener came from a Mike Channon acute-angle drive. If the goal was good, the 35-metre pass from Sumner that found him on the left to set him up was better.

Not to be outdone, in the 30th minute Channon himself floated a 30-metre cross that was well controlled by Heys who rounded his defender and shot. The ball ricocheted off the unlucky Con Kambas' foot, looped over the advancing Martyn Crook and was met by a diving header from Bob Mountford, four metres out.

In the 62nd minute a good Westad move down the left saw a cross float over to McGregor who headed across to Manecas and the coloured striker opened his account.

That sparked the Raiders into life again and, one minute after Tredinnick had shot over the bar, Senkalski scored when a right-wing cross from Heys had been headed out to him by Forde. Senkalski accepted the offer to make the score 3-1.

Almost immediately Manecas had a header at the other end but just as quickly Senkalski picked up a poorly-taken Hawks free-kick and commenced a 30-metre solo run before interchanging with Jones, getting the return ball and stroking it home.

It was vintage Senkalski and with Sumner, Channon and Mason all in great touch they appeared untouchable, but in the 79th minute Ian McGregor made a superb solo run from his own half and gave the visitors a four-on-three situation. The ball went to Manecas whose unstoppable ground shot went in off the upright.

NEWCASTLE: Dando, Reaney, Tredinnick, Senkalski, Drinkwater, Sumner, Mountford (Storey 83), Jones, Heys, Mason, Channon.

ADELAIDE HAWKS: Crook, Topaz, Kambas, Forde, McKie, McGregor, Brown, Honeyman, Smythe, Kowalski (Lorenzini 87), Manecas.

Crowd: 5,875. Referee: D.Rennie.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Newcastle - Senkalski (4); Adelaide - McKie (2)

PSL MATCH REPORTS

BRILLIANT STUFF FOR BRAVE FANS

By Tom McKain

Sydney Olympians went home claiming they had been robbed in Adelaide when the Giants beat them 3-1, but the fans certainly weren't.

Both teams defied wind, rain, hail, thunder and lightning to turn on a classic for the fans who braved the weather.

The Sydney team were upset first of all in the 36th minute when David Mitchell raced through to accept a pass from Charlie Villani, who had run from the centre line before parting with the ball.

The Olympians claimed Mitchell was offside.

Earlier, in the 20th minute, they had no complaints when Sergio Melta beat off a tackle by Andy Scott to score the opening goal.

The other controversial score came in the 62nd minute from million dollar-plus English super guest star, Justin Fashanu.

Giants got a corner which Johnny Nyskohus sliced back to an onrushing Gary Marocchi, whose shot rebounded off a defender for Fashanu to slip it in from close range.

He was suspiciously offside and the visitors let referee, Graham Neal, know what they thought but he waved them away and indicated that his linesman had not signalled for offside.

Before that goal Olympians, with the wind and a hailstorm, had created their own electricity with some outstanding attacking Soccer and got their reward in the 53rd minute when Mitchell brought down Peter Katholos in the box, and Ken Wilson slotted in the penalty.

Thunder and lightning joined the rain and the Olympians continued to mount their attacks — over the whole game they forced 12 corners to Giants five — but when they did break through they misfired or could not beat goalkeeper, Jack Przybylski.

It could've been 4-1 for the Giants with five minutes to go, but Nyskohus hit a penalty straight at goalkeeper, Peter Wilson, after Fashanu had been brought down in the box.

The score reversed the one earlier in the season in Sydney, and while Olympians lost this one, it was easy to see why they've been called the Entertainers.

They never gave up and were perhaps unfortunate to have five players booked — Roy Cotton, Peter Raskopoulos, Danny Moulis, Ken Wilson and Andy Scott.

Only Raskopoulos was booked for a crude tackle (on Mitchell) while the rest were shown the yellow card for dissent.

Scott's came after the game as he continued to argue with the referee as the players left the field.

Referee Neal booked Giants David Jones for hand-ball.

The win, and defeat for Canberra, now puts the Giants joint second with Sydney City.

Giants coach, Bob D'Ottavi, rested midfielder Brian Northcote and young Chris Manou, using Fashanu up front with Mitchell and Johnny Nyskohus, who had missed the Philips Cup win over Heidelberg in midweek.

D'Ottavi said that while Fashanu was here for his six-game guest appearance he would rotate his forwards and midfielders to give them a break.

Fashanu will have to carry the brunt of the striking role next Sunday against Heidelberg in Melbourne as Mitchell will be away with the Socceroo Youth team.

ADELAIDE CITY: Przybylski, Russell, B Nyskohus, Melta, Jones, Villani, Fashanu, Perin, Marocchi, J Nyskohus, Mitchell.

SYDNEY OLYMPIANS: P.Wilson, Moulis, Scott, Raskopoulos, K.Wilson, Rowden, Laing, Cotton, Koussas (Palmer 69), Katholos, Jennings.

Referee: G Neal (SA).

Crowd: 4,123.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Adelaide City - Perin (3): Olympians - Laing (3)

MARCONI SUNK IN SECOND HALF

By Wally Bruce

Marconi Datsun Leopards had all of their spots rubbed off during the second half of their match against Brisbane City, who came up with their heaviest victory over the Sydney club, winning 4-0.

The way things went in the first half, it seemed City's mid-season slump would continue.

They had conceded a hefty seven goals in the preceding two matches, against Canberra City and then West Adelaide in the Philips Cup.

And City did not really have any real chances in the first session, although the hard-working Larry Gaffney did cause some problems along the left.

Marconi had a few more reasons to raise their hopes, one a header from Bertie Mariani which missed the upright by only a matter of inches.

It was the signal for general relief when referee Alf Rodway blew the whistle for half time, such was the standard of the football produced.

After the break, it was simply no contest. After 52 minutes it was still 0-0 and by the end of the 71st minute, City were sailing along with a crushing 4-0 lead.

Of all players to break the drought and set City on the way to retaining their unbeaten home record it was young midfielder, David Vincenzino, who was playing only through the suspension of Bobby Hamilton.

Vincenzino had played only four matches before Sunday, all last year; he headed past Allan Maher from close range to set the ball rolling.

The original cross had come from John McVeigh, a neat Paul Wilkinson flick-on as he outjumped Tony Henderson, set Vincenzino up for the chance, which the youngster took well, even though Maher got a hand to it.

Maher denied City the chance of making further instant inroads when he pounced on a chip from Wilkinson and a first-timer from McVeigh.

City did not have long to wait for their second goal, which involved Frank Pimblett and Gaffney before Wilkinson, running to near the backline, hammered an unstoppable drive from the fine angle via the underside of the crossbar.

No.3 arrived shortly after, with left back Billy Wilkinson supplying a free kick, which Paul Wilkinson floated into the middle, allowing Gaffney to crack his shot past the stranded Maher.

Kevin Caldwell

Gaffney was also involved in the fourth goal, running on to another pass from Billy Wilkinson, before being flattened just inside the box by Hussein Housseini.

Tony Henderson was wasting his time protesting at Mr Rodway's decision, and Kevin Caldwell playing in his 100th PSL match, despatched the spot kick into the corner, even though Maher again got his hand to the shot.

Eddie Krncevic came on as a substitute for Paul Degney in the 55th minute but his only contribution, apart from missing with a header near the end, was to receive a booking for his crude tackle on Gaffney, City's "Man of the match."

Maher was also booked just before full time, but at least he prevented Marconi from conceding a fifth goal.

Paul Wilkinson was well in the clear after McVeigh again split the defence and to stop the centre-forward scoring, Maher had no option but to bring him down.

Marconi's lone chances in the second half were two long-range efforts from Henderson, which whistled past the uprights.

BRISBANE CITY — Coe, Caldwell, Dunne, Ratcliffe, W. Wilkinson, Gaffney, Pimblett, Vincenzino (Conner, 68th) Palinkas (Confessore 80th), P. Wilkinson, McVeigh.

MARCONI — Maher, Brogan, Henderson, Muir, Degney (Krncevic 55th), Byrne, Calderan, Housseini, Sharne, Jankovics, Mariani.

REFEREE — A. Rodway.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Gaffney (BC) 4, Housseini (M) 2.

PSL MATCH REPORTS

SLICKERS WIN ON WET WICKET IN SECOND INNINGS

By John Economos

Four hours before kick-off, both team managers Eddie Thomson and George Murray, inspected Marks Field to find the entire pitch flooded from an overnight downpour. Both agreed to cancel the game. However, referee Tony Boskovic ruled the match should go on. Sydney City officials scurried onto the pitch to begin a mopping-up operation to remove the excess water.

The match started on time, but the City-side penalty box (and for 20 metres further out) was still a quagmire and, as Sydney City was defending this end in the first half, the Slickers' back-four found their task a nightmare.

In the 14th minute, Johnny Kosmina was almost in with a goal. Watson sent in a perfect cross from the right flank to find Kosmina's head in the six-yard box, but Canberra Arrows keeper, Steve Hoszowski, flung himself sharply to his right to pull off a fabulous save.

Just three minutes later, Canberra's centre-back, Roy Stark, hammered a 25 metre piledriver into the Slickers' goalmouth, only to see Todd Clarke tip a brilliant save over the top. Despite the wet wicket both teams played action-packed Soccer.

From the ensuing corner taken by Purdie in the 17th minute, Canberra's hard-working midfielder, Johnny O'Shea scored the visitors' first goal to have last year's PSL champions stumped.

However, Canberra's Kiwi international midfielder, Duncan Cole, was involved in a collision and was rushed to hospital where he had 10 stitches inserted in his mouth. His place was taken by Isaac Farrell.

The mud battle went on with little between the two line-ups till the 29th minute, when Canberra's striker, Don MacLaren, smashed a shot into the box that deflected off Mullen's head into his own net to send the visitors to a seemingly unassailable lead.

Canberra went in with two wickets in hand, whilst the home side looked completely bowled out to their loyal supporters.

As gloom spread around the ground for the home side, Sydney City's left-back, Ian Bruce, went up the left flank to take a free-kick from wide out, and swung a perfect ball into the six-yard box where he found his centre-back, Steve O'Connor, climbing up to nod into Canberra's net: the home side's first goal.

O'Connor's goal seemed to have had the desired affect, as the Slickers started to push up with far more vigour and in the 57th minute, they got the levelling goal from their magical striker, Kenny Boden, who scooted up the centre on a solo raid to shoot past the advancing Canberra keeper.

In no time at all, the recovery was complete — and Slickers were in front 3-2. Scorer was Kosmina who converted easily from a Mullen cross.

The transformation from 0-2 to 3-2 had taken just seven minutes — one of the most amazing fight-backs of 1981.

All goals were scored at the "wet" end of the wicket, which is not surprising as defensive errors were always on.

At least Arrows coach Murray refused to blame the conditions for his team's collapse.

"All the danger came through the middle," he said, "and our central defence wasn't good enough."

"We very badly missed Cole's tackling in the second half," Murray went on to say.

Thomson was delighted after the match and said, "After that, we are well on the way to the title. I was very pleased with Murray Barnes' off the ball running."

For me, Tony Brennan who twice split the Slickers' defence in the second half and got well clear in the box, proved just why he is one of the PSL's most dangerous strikers. Only brilliant and courageous saves by Clarke, who twice flew off his line to take the ball off Brennan's boot, saved the day for the home team.

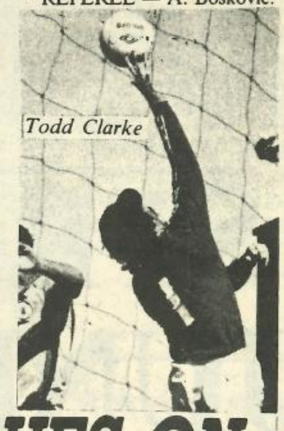
I must congratulate both teams for a magnificent game of Soccer in absolutely atrocious conditions

SLICKERS: Clarke, Mullen, O'Connor, Span[illegible]s, Bruce, Watson, [illegible]ness, Patikas (Cant 77), [illegible]rnes, Kosmina (Robertson [illegible]), Boden.

ARROWS: Hoszowski, M.O'Shea, Byrne, Stark, R.O'Shea, Cole (Farrell 20), J.O'Shea, Purdie, Gibson, Maclaren (Valeri 64), Brennan.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Sydney City - Clarke (4); Canberra City - Brennan (3)

REFEREE — A. Boskovic.


Todd Clarke

WALLACE MARCHES ON

By Alex Vesic

Blacktown Demons came to Lambert Park looking for more then one point against much fancied Willie Wallace's outfit and came within a whisker of achieving their goal.

Leichhardt were a far more lethal team in a tough-fought first half and their 2-0 lead after 35 minutes was indicative of more purposful attacking flair.

With only 10 minutes gone, Marshall Soper made a fine break before rounding Mike Milovanovic to send a low cross into the Demons penalty area. With O'Connor almost free at the far post it seemed a certain goal, but the skilful striker toook time in controlling the ball and allowed Rasmussen to clear.

Three minutes later, Blacktown were not so lucky.

Terry Buttler took the ball some 25 metres from the Demons net and raced forward. While Blacktown defenders were deciding who was going to tackle him, Butler strode through about four players then neatly crossed into the centre of the packed penalty area for Bradley to head home Leichhardt's first.

Tony Morsello could have made it 2-0 minutes later but for the brave save by Bruce James, who fell at the feet of the Leichhardt forward to make one of the most briliant saves of the game. Morsello's shot from inches away was neatly held by James.

With Leichhardt constantly coming forward it was no surprise to see them score yet again with 35 minutes gone. Ian Gray, the tall midfielder walked into the Demons penalty area unattended, drew a player before hitting a low cross which James failed to hold, allowing Soper to have a nudge at it. As the ball rolled towards the line, Wheatley tried to stop O'Connor, but Leichhardt's fleet-footed left-winger made no mistake and the score was 2-0.

Mike Milovanovic earned the yellow card with five minutes remaining in this half for a foul on John Coyne, then was sent off for an "agro" tackle on Phil O'Connor in the last minute of the first half.

To make matters a little easier for Blacktown, Robert Wheatley and Jovan Djordjevic combined well for Djordjevic to face Woodhouse and score

All hell broke loose in the second half as Blacktown came forward looking for an equaliser.

Tackles came in thick and fast, making life misserable for the referee who apparently copped the blame for it all.

With all due respect to those present, I am at a loss to understand why!

Alan Hughes made it 3-1, then Brian Turner cut the odds down by scoring from a penalty to make it 3-2.

It was a battle for the home side to keep the points as the 10 Demons kept plugging away; but they did to get even closer to the top.

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse, Coyne, McAusland, Buttler, Wilson, Hughes, Gray (Giampaolo), Bradley, Morsello, Soper, O'Connor.

BLACKTOWN: James, Wheatley, Milovanovic, Pointer, Rasmussen, Selvage, Hormazabal, O'Donnell, Djordjevic, Jones, Turner

REFEREE: J.Reeves.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Leichhardt - Wilson (3) Blacktown - Pointer (2)

SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE

Junior clubs, schools and associations supplying stories and/or pictures to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY up to the issue of August 25, 1981, qualify for consideration for prizes of $150 for first, $100 for second and $50 for third. The decision of the editorial staff of ASW will be final. Send your entries to ASW, Box 406, Broadway 2007.

CHS INTER REGIONALS

The NSW Inter-Regional Soccer championships for the Combined High Schools commence at Memorial Park Corrimal today.

Competing in Pool A are Central Metropolitan, Liverpool, St George, North Sydney, North Coast, North Sydney and South Coast B.

In Pool A are South Coast, Hunter, Metropolitan West, Riverina, North West and Western.

Matches will be played hourly from 8.30 am to 2.30 pm over three days, with the final at 1.30 pm on Thursday.

On Tuesday and Wednesday the teams in each pool play a round robin, with the top two from each going into the semi-finals.

The semi-finals, play-offs for third place and the final take place on Thursday.

After the final the 1981 CHS squad will be announced.

This squad will form the basis of the NSW team to compete in the Australian Championships in Melbourne in late August.

The Inter Regional teams include star players from high school Tasman Cup teams, and coaching them are some of the top school teacher coaches in the State.

Central Metropolitan hold the title, having defeated South Coast in last year's final.

RANKIN TO N. Y.

Jamie Rankin, an Under 14 right side player, leaves on Thursday, July 2 for New York to take part in the Cosmos coaching scheme sponsored by the Sydney Daily Telegraph. Jamie was a regular Sutherland District junior representative who has also played for NSW schools at Under 12 level. He is now a key member of the Sydney Olympic NSW Youth League Under 14 team. Club president Paul Ankudinoff believes James is on the right track towards an outstanding Soccer career.

KEITH GILMOUR ON

JUNIOR SOCCER

EUROPEAN YOUTH PREPARES FOR COCA-COLA CUP

The 1981 UEFA Youth Championship recently concluded in West Germany exposed many interesting questions for the forthcoming FIFA World Youth Championship for The Coca-Cola Cup which will be held in Australia in October.

All six of Europe's representatives in the FIFA World Youth Championship were competing.

The strongly favoured nations of Italy and England did not win through in their group matches and, with Rumania, left West Germany, Poland, France and Spain to battle it out for the final placings.

Spain, who are drawn to play at Adelaide in the group including West Germany, were beaten by Poland on penalties after a 0-0 draw.

In the other semi-final West Germany also defeated France on penalties after a 1-1 draw.

GERMANY WIN

West Germany are now European Youth champions after beating Poland 1-0 in the Final.

France finished in third place having beaten Spain on penalties after a 1-1 draw in the play-off.

The Poland v Uruguay game in Brisbane next October should be a classical confrontation of conflicting European and South American techniques.

West Germany have now thrown the field wide open and must be very strongly fancied for one of the final placings in The Coca-Cola Cup.

England Youth boss John Cartwright stated: "We video-taped two of West Germany's games. They are well prepared, having played some 30 odd games together over the last year.

They combine good team understanding with a high level of individual skill and are making the most of their late entry into the Coca-Cola Cup series."

John Cartwright continued: "Spain, too, were one of the best sides, very strong in defence and quick on the break. It just comfirms my belief that the Coca-Cola Cup will be a good entertaining spectacle.

"Standards will be high, and it will be a great experience for players involved."

After England's poor showing in the European Youth Championship, the Australian Youth team must have a real chance of qualifying for the Quarter-finals with Argentina from the Sydney group.

Italy and Rumania are competing in the same group in Melbourne and will have to face another experienced South American side — Brazil.

Already The Coca-Cola Cup is shaping up full of excitement and upsets.

STRENGTH OF NSW JUNIOR MOVEMENT

The junior associations of Sydney have over 80,000 registered players when the unaffiliated Protestant Churches SFA's 11,000 players are included.

Whilst 1981 figures are not yet available, the size of the junior Soccer movement can be judged against the fact that Rugby League has only a couple of large associations in Sydney.

And Rugby Union allows that it has about 8,500 juniors.

So Sutherland Shire SFA has almost as many players as the whole of junior Rugby Union in Sydney.

Close behind Sutherland in membership are Granville and Nepean with over 7,000 registered players each, followed by Ku-ring-gai, Manly and Sutherland Districts with 6,500 or more.

These figures entirely exclude schools competitions.

Soccer has had a big build up due to the popularity of the junior game spilling over into the schools.

This has brought remarkable progress, but Rugby League and Rugby Union were well established in the private schools in particular.

The position has swung considerably with the firming of Soccer in various GPS and Associated schools, and latterly in the Catholic Schools sector.

The job is to build more quality players from the enthusiastic amateurs as the game spreads into every city and town throughout the state.

There are another 18,000 players in southern NSW country areas.

And, referring to "the state", the table of figures below and the 80,000 players excludes Northern NSW and the ACT, which have well over 30,000 further players and have extremely well-established organisations.

So that represents 130,000 junior and amateur players alone.

SSOCIATION	Kind	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	21	A/A	Team Total	Clubs	Grnds.	Plyrs.
ankstown		24	37	34	30	33	24	21	16	18	11	–	15	–	55	318	37	36	3816
acktown	15	20	25	27	23	19	16	12	8	14	6	–	–	–	35	220	18	24	2914
nterbury	-	19	27	32	28	24	26	25	18	12	10	–	5	–	68	317	28	22	4270
ndesville	-	37	48	58	46	46	35	35	22	19	14	9	–	5	60	434	33		5642
anville	32	42	73	75	68	63	55	39	28	25	20	14	7	9	46	596	28	62	7152
rwarra	–	40	39	43	39	36	34	27	25	15	15	–	–	–	–	313	24	52	3869
ring-gai	–	115+	114+	74¢	63¢	45	35	27	24	20	17	–	16	–	76	626	43	72	6931
nly	12	89	105	61	54	45	37	21	24	17	14	–	18	–	91	586	27	52	6755
pean	36	42	52	65	51	50	39	30	34	18	12	–	5	–	56	490	34	64	7010
George	32*	30	40	40	34	34	28	24	16	16	13	5	6	12	54	384	34	40	4927
n. & East	14	22	21	17	19	13	12	9	5	3	4	–	–	–	46	186	44	28	2604
n. Districts	40	44	53	58	54	49	37	37	–	39	–	13	–	–	58	482	51	46	6500
therland	52+	70+	59	62	50	47	45	34	27	28	20	–	29	34	73	630	22	45	7405
dney Amateurs	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	60	60	30	15	850
OTALS	233	494	493	646	559	504	423	341	327	244	156	41	101	60	778	5624	453	558	70672

YOUTH LEAGUE

Round 17

GROUP 1

	U14	U15	U16
Gladesville Hornsby v Sthn & Eastern	3-0	5-1	1-2
Bankstown v Melita	1-1	1-1	1-2
St George v Sydney Olympic	0-0	5-0	1-0
Blacktown City v Polonia	0-1	1-2	2-1
Illawarra v Leichhardt	0-2	0-2	1-1
Baulkham Hills v Croatia	1-1	0-2	0-0
GROUP 2			
Nepean v Sthn District	0-0	1-0	0-4
Riverwood v Manly	0-2	1-0	1-1
Kuringai v Canterbury	2-0	0-4	2-4
Central Coast v Sutherland	2-2	0-1	3-5
Blacktown Assoc v Avala	1-0	0-2	3-3
Marconi - bye			

POINT SCORE TO DATE

GROUP 1

U14: Sydney Olympic 31, Illawarra 24, Leichhardt 24, Gladesville 23, St George 22, Blacktown City 13, Bankstown 13, Melita 13, Polonia 13, South & East 8, Baulkham Hills 8, Croatia 6.

U15: St George 29, Leichhardt 18, Baulkham Hills 15, Bankstown 12, Polonia 12, South & East 8, Sydney Olympic 7, Melita 4.

U16: Leichhardt 29, Blacktown City 29, St George 23, Gladesville 19, South & East 19, Sydney Olympic 18, Melita 16, Bankstown 11, Illawarra 11, Croatia 10, Polonia 9, Baulkham Hills 2.

GROUP 2

U14: Ku-ring-gai 29, Marconi 24, Manly 23, Canterbury 21, Sutherland 19, Blacktown Assn 18, Central Coast 17, Southern Dists 14, Nepean 13, Avala 9, Riverwood 5.

U15: Sutherland 30, Marconi 25, Canterbury 25, Nepean 22, Manly 20, Avala 18, Riverwood 17, Central Coast 13, Ku-ring-gai 11, Blacktown Assn 9, Southern Dists 0.

U16: Canterbury 30, Sutherland 24, Marconi 22, Manly 20, Blacktown Assn 19, Southern Dists 19, Riverwood 16, Ku-ring-gai 14, Avala 13, Nepean 9, Central Coast 6.

Round 18:

GROUP 1

Saturday:	
Bankstown — Illawarra	Soccer Centre
St George — Blacktown City	Gabbie Stadium
Sydney Olympic — Croatia	Pratten Park
Melita — Baulkham Hills	Ted Horwood
Sthn & Eastern — Leichhardt	Lambert Park
Sunday:	
G/Hornsby — Polonia	Pioneer

GROUP 2

Saturday:	
Nepean — Sutherland	Cook Park
Riverwood — Marconi	Mona Park
Kuringai — Central Coast	Acron
Canterbury — Avala	Arlington Oval
Blacktown Assoc — Manly	Cromer Park
Sthn District — Bye	

ROUND 6

(Sunday, 28 June):	
Central Coast — Sthn & Eastern	Jellicoe
Manly — Canterbury	Wyatt
Gladesville — Kuringai	Asquith
Bankstown — Sutherland	Bates Drive
St George — Granville	Peakhurst
Blacktown — Nepean	Laybutt
Illawarra — Bye	

PARRAMATTA CITY U16 NIGHT KO

Garside Park, Wednesday June 24:
6.15 pm Pendle Hill v Avala
7.30 pm Polonia v Canterbury
8.30 pm Real Puma v Leichhardt

NSW METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

	U10	U11	U12	U13
Sutherland v Manly	—	2-0	4-1	1-0
St George v Nepean	0-1	2-0	1-0	1-0
Granville v Canterbury	2-1	1-1	2-1	2-2
Gladesville v Illawarra	1-1	0-2	2-2	0-1
Central Coast v Blacktown	—	0-3	1-1	0-2

K'gai v South & East postponed.

Illawarra's Mini-Soccer

Illawarra recently staged a demonstration of mini-Soccer for seven and eight-year-old players at Helensburgh Oval.

Former Regional Director of Coaching Casey de Bruin was involved in the event.

There is no offside rule in the game, and teams comprise six players who do not have fixed positions.

The goals are small, and the field less than half the size of a full playing area.

De Bruin says that the matches will bring back fun into junior Soccer on the Coast.

"UNITED NATIONS" IN YOUTH LEAGUE

Sydney Olympic's under 14 team, leaders in the NSW Youth League Group 1, could well be renamed a "United Nations" outfit.

Junior committee president Paul Ankudinoff said: "We have Italians, Greeks, Spanish, Australian and an Uruguyan in the side just for starters.

"Alfredo Carmona, who captains the team from sweeper, is of Spanish descent.

Unlucky

"I have not seen a better sweeper than him anywhere, but he could not gain selection in the NSW side.

"However two of our other players, Frank Zarantonella and Bruno Ciaramella, made the squad. I think that another four were unlucky not to gain selection."

Paul Ankudinoff has specialised in youth coaching, and was for a long time with Western Suburbs.

He continued: "Our aim is to bring through players of ability and potential so that as many as possible will go on into senior ranks.

"The under 14 squad was chosen from 88 players who came from all over Sydney to trial with us.

"We stress the aspect of ability all the time. There is no chance that we would select big boys to win a competition and find in four years time that they will drop out and not make the grade.

"Actually we would have many of the smallest boys in U14, but they are intelligent and know how to use their skill."

The squad is coached by Greg Ankudinoff, who has turned out for Sydney Olympic in State League and Philips League matches.

Back Row (L to R): JOHN DIMITROPOULOS, Coach GREG ANKUDINOFF, Bruno CIARAMELLA, Steve POLITI, Steve MELLISSOURGOS, Frank ZARANTONELLA, Andrew ZERVAS, Alfredo CARMONA, Emanuel SPANUDAKIS, Manager Robert GABRIELLI.
Front Row: David GRIMA, George KARABALIOS, Troy RUSSELL, Anthony GABRIELLI, Jamie RANKIN, Paul CHESTER.

New Zealand are starting to produce some outstanding Soccer players, who will form the nucleus of many challenges on Australian at national level in the future. Here are two shots of keen youngsters in action at Auckland.

QUEENSLAND WANTS A LOOK IN!

Queensland Soccer fans are non-plussed, or maybe incensed is a better word, at discovering that not one player from this State has been included in the national youth team to play in New Caledonia.

The only connection with Queensland is the inclusion of goalkeeper Glenn Ahearn, who now resides in Sydney after both Brisbaned PSL clubs unfortunately did not recognise the lad's talents.

That he has been chosen without the benefit of regularly appearing in PSL or State League football is evidence of Ahearn's ability.

The fact that has disturbed the Queensland supporters is that the State in recent years had made a big impact on the national youth competitions.

Queensland, for the first time, won last year's under 16 titles then followed up this year with the almost identical line up reaching the final of the national youth titles in Canberra, losing on penalties to South Australia.

GLENN AHEARN

Admittedly eight players from that team have been included in a 42-man squad to prepare for the next World Youth Championship titles in 1982-83, but surely some of the players deserve recognition now.

Included in this group would be strikers Danny Wright and Calvin Daunt, and midfielder Russel Stewart.

WALLY BRUCE

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Affiliated Referees . . . WE NEED SPONSORSHIP!

A sound sponsorship proposal would greatly assist the NSW Division of the Australian Affiliated Soccer Referees' Federation.

NSW president Jim Smith said: "We receive our share of the Dunlop sponsorship, but this covers senior referees' needs as well, and therefore falls far short of what we could use.

"The ASF Marketing company was to come up with a proposal, but as nothing has been heard we must continue to seek branch sponsorship of our own."

Demands

And all the time the demands on the affiliated referees in increasing.

Some consider that they handle junior matches up to under 16 only, but this is far from the truth.

They control all age including Premier Divisions, under 21 and 18 in the various district associations.

In addition the NSW Amateur Federation relies on them to appoint officials to all of their games, including Youth and Inter-District competitions, NSW Amateur Cup, Robertson Cup and State Cup for under 18s.

Country branches have become more active in their support and lecturers have travelled to many distant centres to assist their new referees.

The biggest boost received by the Affiliated Referees is to handle many games in the new NSW Southern League, which is done by arrangement with the NSW Soccer Federation.

Learn

Seminars for the Affiliated Referees have been led by such well-known Soccer personalities as Leo Wilson, Australia's FIFA panel lecturer, and also by his assistant Dennis McDermott.

The District Branches are obviously the places for the hundreds of new referees that come into the game to learn the basic arts of refereeing.

As they progress up the ladder many seek "dual membership" of both the Australian Soccer Referees Federation NSW Division and the Affiliated referees.

Some of the state's top referees have done this.

Such household names as Tim Davies, Doug Rennie, Richard Lorenc, Brian Fowler, Allan McKenzie, Wal Phelps, Les Rae and Ken Small were district refees and are dual members at present.

So on any weekend you could see them handling an under 11 fixture on one of your local parks, such is their enthusiasm to promote the game.

And, by the way, if you are interested in refereeing, contact Jim Smith (871 5130) or Ron Beaumont (85 7371). They will be pleased to start you on your way.

JIM HERMISTON'S COACHING HINTS

Jim Hermiston, one of Australia's outstanding Soccer players, has supplied AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY with a series of illustrated coaching hints.

Hermiston plays with Brisbane Lions in the Philips League but before migrating to Australia, he was a distinguished player in his native Scotland.

He was included in Scotland's original squad for the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany and was unlucky not to be in the final 22 which travelled to Germany.

If you want to buy Jim Hermiston's Soccerskills in book form, it is available from:—

Queensland Newspapers, Campbell Street, Bowen Hills, Brisbane, Queensland, 4006.

Send $3 for the book. This will also cover postal charges.

SOCCERSKILL

with JIM HERMISTON

SHOULDER CHARGE. Tackling for possession of a ball doesn't necessarily involve only feet.

Shoulder charging is a form of tackling albeit one which often verges on being illegal.

It is legal only when the leg further from your opponent is on the ground and both players are challenging for possession of a 50-50 ball.

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

BAD BACK PASS PUNISHED

CANTERBURY - POLONIA 0-1

A. Budini

By Brad Earl

A soft back pass destroyed Canterbury's chances for points against Polonia in the NSW Coca-Cola League on Sunday.

Alex McPherson, in goal for Canterbury, called for the ball in the 14th minute of the second half. Mark Barton turned and stroked the ball back, but he didn't count on nippy Polonia forward, Anito Budini, scooting in and taking the ball away from McPherson's diving hands and shooting into an open goal.

The 1-0 win to Polonia was a rather cruel fate for the Berries, as they should have had some rewards for a steady performance, and a particularly exciting first half display.

Two chances of the first half stood out.

In the 21st minute, a high cross was dropped by Polonia goalkeeper Ziggy Kalinowski, and fell goalside for Neil Williams to latch onto. Unfortunately he took his time to size up the open goal, and his shot rocketed off a Polonia defender who appeared almost from nowhere.

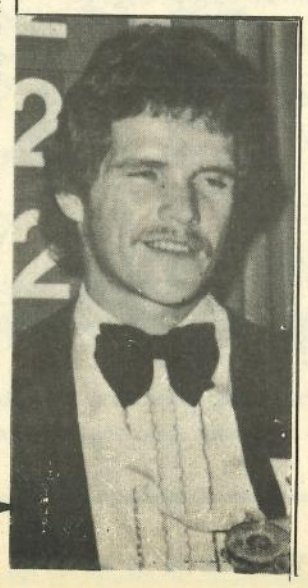
Then in the 36th minute, Ross Brown rose high on the edge of the area to head the ball into the path of young forward Nick Theodorakopoulos, who blasted a shot from the six-yard line that called for a magnificent save from Kalinowski, who had a good game.

In the first half the ball must have been in Polonia's end of the field for 80 per cent of the time, but the visitors opened up more in the second period, with Anito Budini, Gary Noble and Tony Galas showing good form.

After the goal, Canterbury kept going forward pressing for a point, and they were well served by Neil Williams and Ross Brown, but Polonia became more adventurous, as well as more defensive near the end!

Polonia's coach Tony Komoder said: "It was an even game. It would have been a different story if Canterbury had been leadi g one or two nil at half-time. We've got five wins from the last five games now, and we're in there fighting for a top four spot."

Canterbury's coach John Xipolitas commented: "The team that makes mistakes pays the penalty. We could have, easily, four goals in the first half, but then we gave away a silly goal and we had to rush it."



NEIL WILLIAMS.

CROATIA - AVALA 3-1

Hensman, Borges, Sterry — Pearson

Recent signing from Blacktown City, Neil Pearson, put Avala into a shock lead against Croatia after only eight minutes, but it didn't take Croatia long to get an equaliser through Peter Hensman.

Nelio Borges put Croatia ahead at the 35th minute mark, and left-back Lee Sterry scored the third in the 83rd minute when his 25 metre free-kick went through goalkeeper Peter Ahrens legs.

Marijan and Alex Kovacic and Hensman had good games for Croatia, while midfielder Emmanuel Ruiz and Pearson shone for Avala.

JOHN STODDART

MELITA - PARRAMATTA 0-0

Melita played some brilliant football, but just couldn't break through a strong Parramatta combination.

John Stoddart was excellent, and his partner in Melita's midfield, Ray Farrugia, also turned in a good performance.

"We played some unbelievable football, but Parramatta worked their backsides off. Kevin Lackey, Percy Biglands (in central defence) and Dennis Donovan (goalkeeper) were outstanding. Montgomery and Juchniewicz were also very workmanlike," Vic Dalgleish, Melita's coach, said.

"Donovan pulled off some top saves, including a 35 metre drive by Ray Farrugia that was a real screamer — a great shot and a great save. I think Parramatta only had two shots at goal, one very near the end which could have given them a goal.

"On the whole, it was all Melita, but we couldn't put the ball in the net. You've got to give Parramatta their due; they wanted a point, got it, and in the end almost sneaked two," Dalgleish said.

BANKSTOWN - MANLY 0-0

Bankstown were lucky to hold on to a point in this match, with Manly dominating for long periods.

Wally Lachowicz in the Bankstown goal was called upon many times to pull off excellent saves, particularly in the second half when Manly were forcing corner after corner.

One of those corners, taken by David Jack, produced a very good chance for Keith Falconer, who put in a sterling performance in midfield for the Seasiders.

Dudley Fox tried hard up front, but was well marked by Town captain, Greg Lynch, who was playing his first game back after injury.

MONARO - NORTH SYDNEY 1-1

Santolin — O'Rourke

Monaro struggled in the first half against a defensive North Sydney side, but picked up well in the second half, drawing 1-1.

Jay O'Rourke, sent off in the second half, scored Norths goal in the 40th minute from a 25 metre free-kick that deflected off the Monaro goalkeeper's palm.

Monaro, playing without Ian Heywood and Luis Salgado, sustained pressure in the second half, and the North Sydney defence was lucky to hold out in the last 15 minutes of the match.

It was fitting that their equaliser, in the 70th minute, came from John Santolin, as he was their playmaker in the second half after pushing from defence into midfield.

JOHNNY WATKISS

The biggest talking point at the moment is: which is the better side, St George or Croatia? John Watkiss' Sutherland team have played both in the last week, so what's his verdict?

"I would say St George. On the day, they were much sharper, more efficient, and played better as a team," Watkiss said.

SUTHERLAND - ST GEORGE 0-1

Barton

The 1-0 scoreline understated the dominance of St George in this deferred first round match against Sutherland, thus gaining revenge for their hurt pride after the Sharks' semi-final victory in the Ampol Cup earlier this year.

Mark Barton scored the only goal in the 13th minute, but throughout the game the Saints continually pressured the Sutherland goal.

The Sharks relied on long through-balls to Paul and Tony Bush, who showed fine skills in the defeat.

There were no real stars for St George, just a gutsy team effort.

Sutherland's coach, John Watkiss, said: "We seemed very disjointed. There's was a lot of effort, but not much purpose. St George were a lot sharper, a lot more determined, and our defence seemed more vulnerable and over-awed, as they just kept coming at us."

"The score flattered us. They hit the woodwork about four times," Watkiss said.

TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F:A	Pts
CROATIA	17	15	2	0	46-12	32
ST GEORGE	16	15	1	0	64- 8	31
MELITA	16	12	2	3	42-13	26
SUTHERLAND	16	8	3	5	22:16	19
POLONIA	16	8	2	6	20:20	18
MONARO	17	7	3	7	26:33	17
CANTERBURY	17	5	5	7	26-33	15
RIVERWOOD	15	6	2	7	18-29	14
NORTH SYD	17	4	4	9	20:31	12
MANLY	16	4	2	10	18:27	10
AVALA	16	4	2	10	19:38	10
PARRAMATTA	17	4	1	12	14:38	9
AUBURN	15	4	0	11	10-27	8
BANKSTOWN	16	3	1	12	16:35	7

TOP SCORERS

23. Marton(SG)
13. Farrugia(ME), Silva(Cr)
11. Allan(ME), Heywood(IM), Barton(SG)
10. R.Brown(CM), Hensman(Cr)
8. Williams(CM)
7. T.Bush,Groome(S), M.Kovacic(Cr), Samuels (Av), Morsello(NS)
6. Davies(SG)
5. Griffiths,Campbell,Walker(SG)

NEXT GAMES

Saturday, 27 June:
RIVERWOOD - AVALA, Hurstville Oval
CANTERBURY - PARRAMATTA, Arlington
POLONIA - ST GEORGE, Chopin Park
Sunday 28 June:
MANLY WARRINGAH - CROATIA, Cromer Park
SUTHERLAND - MELITA, Seymour
NORTH SYDNEY - BANKSTOWN, North Sydney
AUBURN - INTER MONARO, Mona Park

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Les Scheinflug, national coach for the Australian Youth team for the Coca-Cola Cup in October, is very impressed by Melita's young sweeper, Paul Daley, and has him training with the NSW boys. "He is very promising, and has lots of talent. He seems a born footballer, but he needs to be stronger, as some of the players for the Championships are almost 20 and he's still only 16. But I am very impressed by him," Scheinflug said.

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Vic Dalgleish, coach of Melita, was sent off the bench against St George recently, as was St George coach Frank Arok. Arok was fined $200, Dalgleish $150. But the Eagles coach is unhappy at not being notified immediately, and only hearing the decision "through the grapevine" from a club supporter.

(The decision was made on July 9th.)

"I received no official word, but this is the NSW Federation. Plus the withdrawal of the Under 16 team," Dalgleish said.

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Avala coach Doug Utjesenovic predicts a big future for 15-year-old midfielder George Fernandez, as long, of course, he remains dedicated to his game. He has already been named in a probable 42-member Australian squad for the 1983 World Youth Championships.

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3	MELITA		3:0	W	3:0		2:1		2:1		0:0		3:1	4:0	8:0
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8	AUBURN		0:1		0:5		2:0		E	1:0	0:1	0:5		2:0	2:3
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10	CANTERBURY		0:0		5:1		2:3	1:1	3:0	0:1	E	1:9		3:1	
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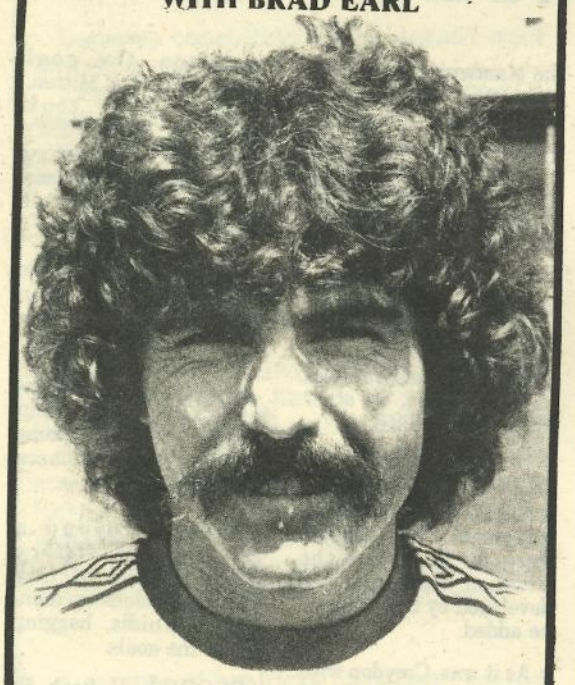
SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

NSW STATE LEAGUE STARS IN PROFILE

WITH BRAD EARL



ERNIE CAMPBELL

ST GEORGE

Position: Striker or midfielder.
Birthplace: Sydney.
Date of Birth: October 20th, 19 .. (No-one knows that at St George, so I want to keep it a secret!)
Nationality: Australian.
Occupation: Sales rep.
Married: No.

Career Background: I started with Canterbury juniors, then I went over to England for a year at Chelsea as an apprentice. When I came back I started with Apia, and I played in the seconds for a year. I was at Apia for about six years, then Marconi for about seven years and Sydney City for a couple of seasons before St George.

Honours: All up 24 games for Australia, 15 of them full internationals, plus NSW State honours.

Biggest thrill in the game: Probably my stay with Chelsea, and playing in the World Cup Finals in Germany.

Biggest disappointment: Frank Arok cutting down training from four nights to three nights per week!

Ambition: At the moment to win the State League with St George this year, and to see St George back in the Philips League next year, which is where they rightfully belong.

Your opinion of the State League: There's only four or five really good teams. In comparison to the Philips League, there is a big difference from the top to the bottom of the State League, as some of our games this year have shown. In the Philips League there is not a great difference between the top team and the bottom team, and every game is hard.

Best other State League team: St George second grade! We virtually played our second grade side, with a couple of exceptions, in the Ampol Cup and we reached the semi-finals, and also beat Croatia 4-1 with a second string team. Apart from that, Croatia, Melita, Riverwood and Sutherland are all quite good teams.

Best State League players: That's a hard one. There is no-one who is really outstanding, who stands head and shoulders above the rest. There are a few guys with Croatia and Melita, and there are young guys coming through, although I don't know them very well. They have potential, but who knows if they'll go on to reach it?

But no-one grabs me at the moment, except for our own players at St George. We have a really good young side for the next few years.

Will you stay in the game when you've finished playing, and in what capacity: I have plans to, in some way. I don't fancy coaching a senior side, with all the politics and everything, but maybe in some other direction, say as a coach of young boys.

SNUB FOR KIDS

ASW has received some interesting, though disturbing, correspondence concerning the National Under 16 Championships.

The correspondence is self-explanatory.

Our only comment is . . . how can the rulers of Australian Soccer justify spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on World Cup preparation — which proved an abortive exercise — and still neglect vitally important encouragement of junior competition?

Soccer should get its priorities sorted out.

N.S.W. FEDERATION
OF SOCCER CLUBS

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TELEPHONE 27 6669

3rd June, 1981.

Mr. D.B. Lee,
3 Cardinal Avenue,
BEECROFT, N.S.W. 2199

Dear Sir,

The Executive Committee thank you for your letter of the 26th May, 1981 and your offer of assistance.

I am directed to advise you that the N.S.W. Soccer Federation do not propose to enter the 1981 Under 16 National Championship, and there is some doubt that the Championship will be conducted in 1981.

Yours sincerely,
N.S.W. SOCCER FEDERATION

A.J. Brown
A.J. BROWN
Secretary.

Dear Sir,

One of the Manly-Warringah under 16 players under my charge has been training for many weeks under ASF staff coach, David Lee, with a view to being selected to represent New South Wales in the 1981 Under 16 National Championships.

Yesterday, he received David Lee's letter of 8th June, enclosing a copy of the NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs' letter of 3rd June, 1981. A copy of both letters is attached.

I am profoundly disappointed that an incentive for young players to work hard at their game has been wantonly removed, and I am disgusted that the time and effort expended by a coach of Dave Lee's quality (Lee's qualifications: ASF Staff Coach; English F.A. Full Badge; FIFA Coaching Badge), in developing the prospective NSW Squad, has been irresponsibly wasted.

This disincentive to Australian youth, in a year that Australia has been honoured as the venue for the Youth World Cup, is deplorable.

Dave Percy
Manly Warringah
Regional Director of Coaching

"Dear Player,

Please find enclosed copy of letter received from NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs. Officially informing me, that there will be, no under sixteen state team this year.

A disgusting state of affairs, when a state of 150,000 players, cannot raise $5,000. Not half the fee of one imported hasbeen. But there appears to be apathy in other states also; as at this stage, only Victoria have nominated.

I have enjoyed coaching you, and I appreciate your talents and your dedication at training; plus the hard work you have put in and the time you have given up, during school holidays and weekends.

But as I pointed out on two occasions; making this team is a short term aim and you should not let it interfere with your long term aim; that is, to work on your skills in your own time and eventually play in The National League.

I did intend to make this announcement to your face, last Sunday, but as it was washed out, that was not possible.

I trust, you are as angry as I am and as disgusted with soccer administration as I am. They tell us we cannot make players; this is how they help us. Please feel free to call me at anytime, for advice, if you are having problems with your game. I remain, yours sincerely,

David B. Lee
(ASF Staff Coach)"

NSW SHOTS

John Xipolitas, Canterbury coach, was to attend a meeting last night with the committee to discuss his future at the club. After the Polonia game on Sunday, Xipolitas had strong words with a committee member over a particular playing tactic — Xipolitas said he can't work that way, that his decisions will either bring him and success or failure as a coach, and that he wants to make those decisions himself, without interference.

He told me yesterday that his argument after Sunday's game may lead to his departure, although there was still a 50-50 chance he'd stay.

"I said things I shouldn't have said, but I'm not a diplomat. I can't predict the outcome of the meeting, but if the committee asks me to carry on I will consider it, as long as I can make my own decisions," Xipolitas said.

"When I took over this year, I had to make a new team, with about seven or eight new players. I'm proud of that, and I'm proud that we are playing good Soccer, if not winning all our games."

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Manly coach Mick Jones denies stories doing the rounds that he is thinking of quitting. Jones said these rumours invariably go round when results aren't going the team's way.

His concern at the moment is to get a top striker. "At the moment we're playing with only one recognised striker in Dudley Fox," Jones said.

Graham Firrell has a broken thumb, and Stuart Regan and Peter Vale have ankle injuries. The situation was so bad that goalkeeper Mark Dower, who held down the first grade spot until he was injured earlier in the year, played in the second grade on Sunday as a forward!

Coach Jones continued: "We're playing good, entertaining football. If we could find someone who could put the ball in the net we'd go up the table so fast you won't know where we came from."

BRAD EARL

NORTHERN NSW STATE LEAGUE

By Ian Smith

As the race for a top four spot becomes more intense the table has a five-point spread between the challengers and the also-rans.

With the Wallsend v Weston clash being postponed due to poor ground conditions, Stewarts and Lloyds finally clawed themselves close to the leaders when they beat the improving Armidale 3-0, and are now within a point of Lake Macquarie who went down by the only goal of the game when they played Twin Towns.

Twin Towns held on to their fifth spot but only on goal average ahead of Saturday's winners, Adamstown who beat Belmont-Swansea 2-1.

With around 6,000 people at the Tamworth Showground for the local telethon it was no surprise that most gravitated to watch the local side take on Coffs Harbour in an incident-packed match.

In fact, it was only four minutes old when Gary Fleming saved a certain goal with his hands. The penalty taken by Geoff Allwell hit the upright. This miss by Tamworth sparked Coffs Harbour into life and for the rest of the half they pressured the home side though penetration was limited to one shot which keeper, D'Anbros, pushed on to the cross bar.

The second half was 17 minutes old when referee, Jim Reeves, who by accounts was not in best form, sent off Geoff Hartley for "repeated infringements" after he had been earlier given a yellow card.

This had the effect of stirring Tamworth and just nine minutes later, John Morpuss was making inroads into the box when brought down by two defenders. The penalty this time was taken by youth player, Michael Halliday, and he made no mistake.

This, the only score of the match, kept Tamworth in the race. They were best served on the day by Baker, Halliday and D'Anbros while for Coffs, Fleming, Phillips and Kenny were the pick.

Matches this week: Saturday, June 27: Adamstown v Wallsend.

Sunday June 28: Weston v Twin Towns, Coffs Harbour v Belmont Swansea, Tamworth v Stewarts and Lloyds, Edgeworth v Armidale.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Weston	10	8	1	1	27	9	17
Lake Macquarie	10	7	1	2	20	8	15
Stewarts & Lloyds	10	6	2	2	25	11	14
Tamworth	10	6	1	3	16	14	13
Twin Towns	10	5	3	2	18	12	12
Adamstown	11	5	2	4	22	18	12
Wallsend	9	3	1	5	9	12	7
Coffs Harbour	11	2	3	6	19	23	7
Belmont-Swansea	11	2	0	9	15	27	4
Armidale	10	0	0	10	3	38	0

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

CROATIA DEAKIN STREETS AHEAD

Can any team break the stranglehold the ACT's Croatia Deakin has on the NSW Southern League premiership, before the end of the 1981 season?

As the League approaches its midpoint it seems doubtful, despite setbacks in earlier rounds when it was held to a 1-0 win by Queanbeyan City (now Macedonia Queanbeyan again) and a 1-1 draw by Yoogali.

Having already dispensed with first round challenges by fellow ACT clubs, Belconnen United (3-1) and West Woden Juventus (2-0), Croatia Deakin finally crushed its nearest rival, Downer Olympic, by 4-1 in the ninth week of competition.

Before a crowd of 900 or more (it would have been bigger but for Canberra Arrows' PSL game against Brisbane City on the same day), Downer Olympic was superb, but Croatia Deakin was magnificent.

Olympic's defeat was no shame. Few clubs could have survived the youthful enthusiasm, skills and opportunism of former PSL coach Vic Fernandez's red devils.

Crash

Goals by Phil Reis, Keith White and Tim Andrakovic (twice) sealed Olympic's fate who scored a consolation goal in the dying minutes when Chris Tansey scored from a Phil Redmond free-kick.

With Croatia Deakin supreme, Belconnen United defeating Yoogali 2-0 in Griffith and West Woden Juventus sending Wagga United home with a 3-1 defeat, Downer Olympic crashed from second to fourth on the premiership ladder.

In the meantime, Albury Hotspurs dominated a fifth place battle with Korringal Lions, in Wagga, to return home with a valuable 3-0 win and two points, keeping it within sight of the top four.

Lions' loss was Macedonia Queanbeyan's gain, when it slipped in behind Albury following its 5-1 win over Goulburn Workers who, leading 1-0 at half-time, couldn't match Queanbeyan's stamina in the second half.

Two goals from Queanbeyan's Kosta Talevski, one a penalty, and goals from Svetan Trajanovski, Nik Boskovski and Nik Cecov put paid to Goulburn which slipped to second-bottom on the ladder.

A surprise result in this round was a commendable 3-3 draw by young, South-West Tablelands side, Cootamundra, at home against Griffith club Hanwood. The single point was sufficient to give Cootamundra a lift in status, but did nothing for Hanwood, in eighth.

In the 10th week of competition Albury Hotspurs had its best chance to date of opening the way to the top four, against West Woden Juventus.

Since its visit to Hanwood, Juventus has been fraught with injuries to key players, although they are gradually returning to match fitness.

Goulburn Workers made their first visit to Canberra this season, but, after meeting Croatia Deakin, probably wish they had saved the bus fare.

STATUS QUO

After ninth round games in the ACT Soccer Federation's first grade Football League premierships a status quo situation resulted, with first and second placed Luso SC and Kambah United drawing 2-2 and third and fourth placed Narrabundah SC and Canberra United drawing 1-1.

As far as the premiership lead is concerned, it all rests now on the result of the postponed Kambah United — Weston Creek game, already postponed a second time due to inclement weather.

If Kambah should win, it will return to head the League, as it did prior to the postponed game.

However, dramatic improvement in Weston Creek's form in recent weeks points to Kambah's possible first loss of the season. As yet, no firm date has been set for the game. Until it does take place it looks as if Kambah will have to be satisfied with its second place to former Canberra League side, Luso SC.

NSW SOUTHERN LEAGUE
(as at 14.6.81)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CROATIA DEAKIN	9	8	1	0	34	5	17
BELCONNEN UNITED	9	7	1	1	23	10	15
WEST WODEN JUVENTUS	9	6	2	1	33	9	14
DOWNER OLYMPIC	9	6	2	1	31	9	14
ALBURY HOTSPURS	9	5	1	2	22	15	11
MACEDONIA QUEANBEYAN	9	3	3	2	21	13	9
KORRINGAL LIONS	9	4	0	5	22	17	8
HANWOOD	9	3	2	4	20	22	8
YOOGALI	9	2	2	5	17	21	6
COOTAMUNDRA	9	0	3	6	10	44	3
GOULBURN WORKERS	9	1	0	8	8	43	2
WAGGA UNITED	9	0	1	8	7	40	1

ACTSF FOOTBALL LEAGUE — 1st Grade

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
LUSO SC	9	7	1	1	22	9	15
KAMBAH UNITED	8	6	2	0	25	7	14
NARRABUNDAH SC	9	5	3	1	24	11	13
CANBERRA UNITED	9	5	2	2	24	12	12
POLONIA WHITE EAGLES	9	4	3	2	25	15	11
WEST WODEN JUVENTUS	9	3	3	3	21	12	11
RMC	9	4	1	4	11	15	9
ANU	9	2	3	4	8	11	7
BELCONNEN UNITED	9	3	1	5	16	23	7
CANBERRA NORTH	9	3	1	5	10	18	7
WESTON CREEK	8	2	2	4	14	18	6
CROATIA DEAKIN	9	2	2	5	11	18	6
DOWNER OLYMPIC	9	2	2	5	11	20	6
CONCORDIA PHILLIP	9	0	0	9	7	40	0

VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE

By Greg Blake

Referees at two games came in for criticism following round 11 of the Victorian State League last weekend.

On Saturday at Middle Park, Mr Hemes came under criticism from both clubs as Hakoah had a 2-0 lead pegged back to 2-2 by Sunshine City.

A disputed penalty 12 minutes before half-time kept Sunshine within striking distance.

Sunshine went in 2-1 down and a improved effort after the break paid off as they snatched a point.

However, they looked little like top four aspirants as first, Stan Webster, then a fine individual Richie McClunie goal had put the Saints 2-0 ahead.

The 'soft' penalty awarded to Sunshine just before half-time was one of a number of Mr Hemes' decisions that came under fire.

In the event, Norrie Pate scored the spot kick and it was he who tied the scores in the 70th minute of the game.

At Olympic Park on Sunday, it was referee Mamont who felt the wrath of club officials.

Three players were sent from the ground as Croydon found the pressure at the top of the State League too much to handle as they drew 1-1 with lovely Juventus.

Croydon president, Jeff Pegg, was disappointed as two players vital to his club's hopes for the big game against Croatia next week, Peter and Ian Loughnane, received their marching orders. As did one player from Juventus.

However, Pegg was even more disappointed about the general standard of refereeing this year in the State League.

"I'm not going on about Peter and Ian," a subdued Pegg said afterwards.

"I'm concerned about the standard and the fact that the atrocious refereeing that has dogged many games this season is frustrating players to the point where things boil over as they did today.

"The refereeing standards are steadily going down and money that could be spent on training decent referees in being spent on other things by the VSF.

"If the referee had been doing his job today the incident might not have happened. The players were at fault but the situation was not helped developed by the referee," he added.

As it was, Croydon with nine men, went ahead through Jimmy Spink but Lou Vaccaro scored for Juve to provide yet another surprise result in a season where it seems anything can happen.

The ladder sees five joint leaders all on 15 points.

Doveton maintained their challenge against injury-hit George Cross with a 1-0 victory.

Georgie, with key players out of form, couldn't recover from Alan Quinn's goal almost on the stroke of half-time.

Croatia loomed nearer with a 1-0 win away at Frankston, the goal coming from Noel Mitten.

Green Gully took advantage of Croydon's slip-up and a 1-0 victory over a desperate Altona City puts them back at the head of the table.

New signing from Scotland, Gordon Wallace, scored the winner in the second half.

Northcote's improved form saw them jump George Cross and come within striking distance of the top four teams.

They recorded a thrilling 4-3 victory against Ringwood City with ex-Heidelberg man, Jim Sahinidis, bagging two of the goals.

SCORES: Hakoah St Kilda 2 (Webster, McClunie) Sunshine City 2 (Pate 2); Green Gully 1 (Wallace) Altona City 0; Ringwood City 3 (Sinclair 2, Greener) Northcote City 4 (Kriaris, Vasic, Sahinidis 2); Juventus 1 (Vaccaro 0 Croydon City 1 (Spink); George Cross 0 Doveton 1 (Quinn); Frankston City 0 Essendon Croatia 1 (Mitten).

LEADING SCORERS: 10 — Egan (Frank), I Loughnane (Croy); 8 McLeod (G G), Mitten (Ess); 7 Sahinidis (North), Pate (Suns); 6 Inness (Alt); 5 Cherrie (Dove).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Green Gully	11	7	1	3	20	7	15
Croydon	11	5	5	1	22	14	15
Essendon	11	5	5	1	18	10	15
Doveton	11	4	7	0	15	9	15
Sunshine	11	5	2	4	20	14	12
Hakoah	11	4	4	3	13	17	12
Northcote	11	4	3	4	19	25	11
George Cross	11	4	2	5	16	12	10
Frankston	11	3	2	6	14	18	8
Ringwood	11	3	2	6	16	22	8
Juventus	11	3	1	7	9	22	7
Altona	11	1	2	8	13	26	4

CROYDON V ESSENDON — CHAMPIONSHIP DECIDER?

By Greg Blake

In the first half of the season Croydon City were the only side to beat pre-season championship favourites Essendon Croatia.

They won 4-2 in the very first match of the season whilst Croatia, despite dropping unlikely points to inferior opponants, have yet to be beaten since.

Both sides boast victories over Green Gully and their rematch at Olympic Park this Sunday could become the single most important game of the year in terms of the championship.

Along with Doveton and Ajax, these two are very much in line for the 1981 trophy and as two of the most attractive sides in the league this year Sunday's match should be one worth going along way to see.

Essendon will field their recently signed striker from Croydon in Dave Brogan who, along with Noel Mitten and Carl Gilder, makes up a pretty classy looking front-line. They will trouble a sometimes cumbersome Croydon defence particularly if the Murphy-Adams-Kerr partnership — complemented if need be by Tront and Andrews — get moving at their creative best in midfield.

The mercurial Paul Wade should be a must for Croydon if they are to create enough chances to at least get a share of the points.

He and Jimmy Spink showed their worth in the heavy going at home against the leaders Ajax some weeks back and Olympic Park will almost surely — given the continuation of recent Melbourne weather — be just as difficult.

The Loughnane brothers, flanking central striker Kim Wassell, will trouble Croatia, but veteren Pat Bannon revells in the conditions around this time of year and his experience will prove invaluable to the Reds.

You would have to be a pretty ignorant type to start writing off Ajax after just one or two poor results.

But that is exactly what I keep hearing from many people. You just cannot ignore a side of their class and when their form returns they'll no doubt take great pleasure in proving wrong everybody who has jumped on the bandwagon.

They face a difficult one at home to another high-scoring side in Sunshine this week, but I fancy they'll get up in a tight one.

And once they do get a little confidence back, just watch them go.

Doveton will continue their run at the expense of Ringwood at Jubilee Park and in other games I'll go for Frankston to beat George Cross, Hakoah to down Northcote and Altona to get a point away against Juventus.

VICTORIAN SOCCER FEDERATION SEEKS A STATE DIRECTOR OF COACHING

Applications are invited for the position of the Victorian State Director of Coaching and to be addressed to 'State Director of Coaching', Victorian Soccer Federation, P.O. Box 134, St Kilda West, Victoria 3182.

The successful applicant will be responsible for a continuing development of the Victorian Coaching Scheme. The duties will include administering at Junior and School level and the co-ordinating of coaching schemes within the State. Detailed terms of references will be available at the office of the Federation.

Qualifications:

Proven documentary qualifications, administrative experience and lecturing ability.

Salary:

A negotiable salary will be paid commensurate with the qualifications and experience of the person appointed.

Further information can be obtained from the Secretary of the Victorian Soccer Federation, telephcne numbers (03) 534 4301 & (03) 534 4112.

Closing date for the applications is extended to the 25th July 1981.

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

THE ILLAWARRA SCENE

By Phil Murphy

Berkeley coach Bob Evans doesn't want any more rain this season.

Evans made the comment after a weekend in which Berkeley lost a league match 4-1 to Corrimal and bowed out of the Bampton Cup 2-1 to first division Dapto.

That weekend the grounds were heavy and Evans says this doesn't suit his team's style.

"We get bogged down in the wet and can't take advantage of our strengths," Evans said.

Berkeley have been the surprise packet of the premier league having taken the early lead with no really big names.

Evans is doing a great job with his side and relies a lot on the ball skills of Roberto Hernandez who transferred from Warilla Wanderers in the off-season.

The speed of John Sokoloski up front is another big factor in Berkeley's success.

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A number of hat-tricks have been scored in recent premier league games, with Coniston striker Steve Quirk leading the way.

Quirk made a slow start to the season but has made up for lost time with eight goals in the space of three games.

He hit form with two goals in his team's 2-1 away win over Lysaght's and then grabbed a hat-trick against Bellambi.

When Coniston beat Oak Flats 5-0 a week later, Quirk again hit home three goals.

Phil Scott scored a hat-trick for Tarrawanna against Bellambi the same day while a week earlier, Corrimal's Graeme Funnell got four in Corrimal's 4-1 win over Berkeley.

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West-Figtree are walking away with the Illawarra first division title and scoring a heap of goals on the way.

They recently earned a $50 bonus from coach Luke Robaard when they beat Warilla Wanderers 8-1, but just missed out on another $50.

Robaard told the players the extra money would be placed on the bar at Western Suburbs Leagues Club if they scored 10 goals.

Robaard claims they should have taken the money because they missed a few easy chances.

He said he would have to give them more shooting practice.

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Newcomers to premier league, Shoalhaven City have more than justified their place.

Coached by Dave Norwood, the Nowra side have done very well against tough opposition and have plenty of football talent.

In the recent scoreless draw against highly-rated Corrimal, Shoalhaven played top football in midfield.

One of their key players is John Hemmings, who is able to start most attacks with his ability to switch play quickly.

A feature of the team's performance was the accuracy of their passing and coolness in defence.

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Second division Balgownie are still hoping for promotion despite a recent loss to Aris which left them three points behind that team.

Coach Ross Emerton, who wears a tie to games these days in a professional approach(!) rates his side stronger man-for-man than Aris.

"They beat us 3-1 but we didn't have much luck in the game," Emerton said.

Emerton has four talented ex-Tarrawanna players in his side in Kevin Bradley, Graham Edwards, Garry O'Connell and Keith Tomlinson.

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Fairy Meadow secretary Walter Chichkan likes a night out, but he's glad his Tuesday night trips to Sydney have ended.

Chichkan had to make the trip three weeks in a row recently after three Fairy Meadow players were sent off in as many weeks.

As he has to represent the players at judiciary hearings, Chichkan was becoming well known to the judiciary members.

Chichkan, a former top State league goalkeeper, is doing a fine administrative job for the club this year — his first season.

PAUL POPS IN TWO FOR TOWNSVILLE

By Wally Bruce

Townsville United kept themselves in the Queensland State League spotlight by hammering their rivals Mareeba United 4-0 in Mareeba last Saturday night.

During the week, Townsville had caused a major stir by announcing they had sacked their well-credentialled coach, Tim White, who has been with the club since the League kicked off in 1979.

White, who is also regional Director of Coaching in North Queensland, was thought to have one of the safest coaching positions in the State, yet the crunch came when Capricornia knocked Townsville out of the Ampol Cup, the trophy they won last year.

The club announced that goalkeeper-forward Phil Figgins, the team captain, would take over the coaching position.

In addition, Townsville completed the signing of striker Paul Trovalusci in time for the match, and last year's leading scorer responded by scoring two second half goals against the club he had just left.

Townsville led 2-0 at half time, with two well-worked goals from Bobby McGuiness, who was set up by Dave Costa, and Mick Geoghegan, who despatched a magnificent header from the edge of the box.

In Rockhampton, Capricornia looked to be well on the way to yet another upset, when they led second-placed Grange Thistle 2-0, but experience gained the day when the visitors stormed home to win 3-2.

Capricornia led with a first minute penalty from Brett Druery, then added a second. Ken Swan missed a sitter for the home side, which would really have settled the issue, but from the resultant clearance, Thistle broke away to score through Kenny Gordon and pull a goal back just on half time.

That gave Thistle the necessary confidence to finish the job and they did just that with Gordon's second, and one from Len Pollock.

Mt Gravatt remained at the top of the ladder with a hard fought 2-1 win over Ipswich at Ebbw Vale, but they paid for it dearly.

Mt Gravatt lost goalkeeper Mark Davis at half time with a shoulder injury and State Youth team midfielder Russell Stewart early in the second half with a suspected fractured leg.

Ipswich dominated the first half and deserved to lead 1-0 in the 28th minute when Bryan Kathage tucked away a shot from Jon Kitching which Davis could only parry.

Facing their second league defeat in 13 matches, Mt Gravatt forged back powerfully to equalise through Bevan Bohan then grabbed an 80th minute winner through Harry Stewart.

Eastern Suburbs consolidated their top four ranking with a 1-0 win over Across the Waves, in a lack-lustre affair at Perry Park.

East grabbed the decisive goal in the 25th minute, when Mark Brusasco side-footed in a Phil Thompson corner.

Wynnum improved their top four chances but gave their supporters heart failure with a 3-2 win over bottom side Gold Coast City at the Maramba Stadium.

Gold Coast took advantage of some careless Wynnum defence to lead 2-0 at half time with goals from Gordon Geary and Dave Robbins.

Still down 2-0 with only 15 minutes left, Wynnum finished with a wet sail to snatch three goals in that period.

Alan Martens, a second half substitute, got the first, Alan Collins equalised, then provided the winner with a bare four minutes remaining.

QUEENSLAND STATE LEAGUE:

Townsville United 4 (Trovalusci 2, McGuiness, Geoghegan) beat Mareeba United 0. Grange Thistle 3 (Gordon 2, Pollock) beat Capricornia 2 (B. Druery, W. Druery). Wynnum 3 (Collins 2, Martens) beat Gold Coast City 2 (Gerary, Robins), Mt Gravatt 2 (B. Bohan, H. Stewart) beat Ipswich United 1 (Kathage), Eastern Suburbs 1 (Brusasco) beat Across.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mt Gravatt	12	10	1	1	37	7	21
Grange Thistle	13	8	1	4	29	17	17
Eastern Suburbs	13	7	2	4	24	17	16
Townsville United	12	7	1	4	24	13	15
Ipswich United	13	7	1	5	23	19	15
Across The Waves	13	6	—	7	21	21	12
Wynnum	13	5	2	6	21	21	12
Capricornia	13	3	2	8	13	39	8
Mareeba United	13	3	1	9	13	31	7
Gold Coast City	13	1	3	9	8	28	5

CHANGES LIKELY AFTER WRANGLES

By Tom McKain

The registration and contract system in SA may be changed following the recent wrangles over transfers.

What appeared to be a straightforward deal by Hawks to sign State League players Vic Smythe and Peter Kowalski from Croatia, who were not fielding them, developed into weeks of haggling.

Smythe's case was particularly vague, as he had a contract which said he was free at the end of the last night series, but was prevented from moving until he appealed to the SA Federation.

Kowalski was signed by Croatia from Azzurri, and then told he was not wanted. He was informed he was again an Azzurri player, then told by the Federation he belonged to Croatia.

Again it took a letter to the Federation before the situation was resolved.

Hawks' former captain Neil McGachey asked to be released to join a Rothmans League club and the PSL outfit put a $4,000 transfer fee on his head.

This, to them, appeared reasonable as he was the captain, and had been regarded as a star player.

McGachey feels he gave the club good service since his junior days and wants a free clearance.

Garrie Dooley was signed from Hawks for $5,000 by Elizabeth, and he has now asked the Rothmans club for a clearance.

Elizabeth would like to recoup their $5,000, and Dooley is not pleased.

One would think there would be a simple method of determining transfer fees before a player ever signs for a club as a junior or senior.

However, SA always seems to have complications when a player wants to move.

As far as Hawks are concerned, Kowalski and Smythe could make the difference between relegation and survival.

If, at the end of the season they are relegated, they could justifiably claim that it was the "system" as much as the opposition that beat them.

• Fans have seen several new faces in the middle of the park during recent weeks, and there's more to come.

Referees "sitting" for their first grade certificates are being tested by observers at First Division matches.

That is also why fans will see some top referees running one of the lines

SHAKE-UPS KEEP COMING IN S.A.

By Tom McKain

It looks like another weekend when the SA Rothmans League First Division could receive a shake-up.

The big one is the meeting of leaders, Azzurri and Polonia, who have slumped to third spot with 12 points, three behind the leaders.

Last time they met, at Polonia's ground, it was a thrill a minute 4-3 win for Polonia, the clincher coming in the last gasp.

Since then Azzurri have been the more impressive team, while Polonia has had to fight to keep in the chase for the title.

Indeed, last weekend they were shattered at home 2-0 by Beograd, who are now second on goal difference and the latest challengers for the crown.

This weekend Beograd are at home to Campbelltown (4th) and under normal circumstances would have been taken to win — but Campbelltown thrashed Elizabeth 4-1 after losing to Port Adelaide the previous week.

However, it still looks a Beograd win, but they will find it hard even on their own ground.

Port, who had issued a challenge, were dumped 1-0 at home by Noarlunga registering their first win of the season since being promoted.

Although still bottom Noarlunga are only a point behind Elizabeth and Cumberland.

The latter were beaten 1-0 at home last weekend by Azzurri, and now face Croatia on the latter's ground.

This could be anyone's game, as Croatia, champions last year, have fallen in a heap going down 4-1 at Para Hills last weekend.

Para go to Noarlunga this weekend, while Port visit Elizabeth, and it is here we could see more changes.

It is now getting to the stage that only Azzurri is a safe bet.

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WOLLONGONG WINS AGAIN

A qualified librarian in Wollongong, has won the Pools scoop prize of $120,894. Ivan, a 44-year-old batchelor, wishes to remain anonymous.

A pale Ivan, when told of his win, said: "You're not kidding me are you? It can't be true. I feel quite queer."

Ivan plays two games with the same numbers, but never checks his coupon.

"I know if I ever win something big, Pools will come and tell me, but surely I must be dreaming."

It is the second big Wollongong win in the past three weeks, as Mrs Rae Croft won $123,057 late in May.

Ivan, a naturalized Australian who immigrated from Chile 10 years ago, loves his new country.

Good fortune is not new to Ivan's family, as his father, a retired dentist, has twice won the Chilean Lottery — $40,000 in 1968 and then $250,000 in 1978.

"I am too stunned to think about what I will do, but since I have settled in Wollongong I like the place so much I would like to purchase my own unit."

Ivan, who paints and also draws cartoons, is a keen student of aircraft.

GET YOUR POOLS IN...

With DEBORAH

VICTORIA DIVISION ONE

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MARIBYRNONG	13	6	1	0	25	6	4	0	2	10	6	21
ALBION R.	13	4	0	2	14	8	3	3	1	11	8	17
WESTERN	13	5	1	0	18	7	2	2	3	12	13	17
BOX HILL	13	5	0	1	17	5	2	2	3	8	14	16
RICHMOND	13	2	1	4	5	8	3	2	1	10	6	13
KEW PARK	13	1	5	1	6	3	2	2	2	6	9	13
ALTONA GATE	13	3	1	2	7	4	2	2	3	6	12	13
PRAHRAN	13	3	1	3	10	11	1	3	2	6	8	12
KEILOR	13	2	1	4	9	14	3	1	2	8	9	12
MORWELL	13	0	4	2	5	8	3	0	4	11	13	10
KNOX CITY	13	2	0	5	10	11	1	0	5	6	16	6
MORELAND	13	1	2	3	9	14	1	0	6	5	21	6

VICTORIA DIVISION TWO

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FAWKNER	13	6	0	1	23	9	3	2	1	13	8	20
PRESTON	13	3	1	2	12	9	4	1	2	11	10	16
DONCASTER	13	4	2	1	14	6	2	1	3	10	9	15
FOOTSCRAY	13	1	2	3	3	9	5	1	1	17	9	15
FRANKSTON P.	13	2	1	3	8	11	4	1	2	9	5	14
MELBOURNE	13	4	1	2	9	10	2	1	3	6	9	14
S. MELBOURNE	13	5	0	2	13	6	1	1	4	6	12	13
SPRINGVALE	13	3	1	3	16	14	2	1	3	8	12	12
DANDENONG	13	1	2	3	5	10	3	1	3	9	12	11
ARDEER	13	2	2	3	6	10	2	1	3	7	11	11
WAVERLEY	13	3	0	3	10	9	1	1	5	4	13	9
HEIDELBERG U.	13	0	1	5	5	11	2	1	4	14	14	6

VICTORIA DIVISION THREE

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BELL PARK	13	5	1	1	17	8	4	2	0	13	5	21
RINGWOOD U.	13	4	2	0	12	3	4	2	1	9	6	20
BROADM'DOWS	13	5	2	0	18	10	2	2	2	11	9	18
HEIDELBERG	13	4	1	2	17	10	2	2	2	12	15	15
ST. ALBANS	13	3	1	2	10	10	3	1	3	12	15	14
PT. MELBOURNE	13	3	1	3	12	11	2	2	2	5	7	13
WERRIBEE	13	4	0	3	13	9	1	2	3	7	14	12
PRAHRAN CITY	13	2	1	3	7	11	3	0	4	12	11	11
CORIO	13	2	2	2	11	10	2	1	4	10	15	11
YALLOURN	13	2	1	4	11	11	1	1	4	10	16	8
COBURG	13	1	3	2	8	10	1	1	5	7	15	8
ELTHAM	13	2	1	3	10	12	0	0	7	7	18	5

VICTORIA DIVISION FOUR

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MORNINGTON	13	5	2	0	20	5	4	2	0	14	7	22
SUNBURY U.	13	7	0	0	18	3	2	3	1	8	5	21
ROYAL PARK	13	6	1	0	18	4	3	1	2	10	11	20
NUNAWADING	13	5	1	0	23	2	3	1	3	17	13	18
BRIGHTON	13	4	2	1	12	7	1	3	2	6	9	15
KEYSBORO	13	2	0	4	7	11	4	1	2	9	3	13
N. DANDENONG	13	0	6	1	5	7	2	2	2	6	7	12
MOORABBIN	13	1	2	3	9	11	1	3	3	5	10	9
MONASH	13	1	3	3	8	11	1	2	3	7	15	9
SANDRINGHAM	13	1	2	4	10	14	2	1	3	7	12	9
FERNTREE	13	1	1	4	4	12	1	2	4	5	16	7
CHELSEA	13	0	1	4	4	13	0	0	8	6	30	1

SOUTH AUSTRALIA DIVISION TWO

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W. ADELAIDE	12	3	4	0	15	7	4	1	0	11	3	19
W. TORRENS	12	4	2	1	22	8	3	2	0	10	5	18
VICTORIA	12	2	2	2	10	7	4	1	1	8	6	15
ADELAIDE C.	12	3	1	2	11	8	3	1	2	8	9	14
WESTFIELDS	12	2	2	3	11	16	3	1	1	13	7	13
WHYALLA	12	3	2	2	14	14	2	1	2	9	9	13
BRIGHTON CTY.	12	3	0	2	13	7	2	2	3	10	13	12
LION	12	3	0	2	11	10	2	2	3	10	11	12
MODBURY	12	1	0	4	4	9	3	2	2	15	9	10
SALISBURY	12	1	2	4	3	8	2	1	2	10	9	9
STURT	12	1	1	3	5	12	1	2	4	9	19	7
WINDSOR	12	0	1	4	3	16	0	1	6	9	22	2

SOUTH AUSTRALIA DIVISION THREE

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ADELAIDE A.	7	3	0	0	7	2	2	1	1	11	5	11
BLACKWOOD	7	3	0	0	13	4	2	1	1	9	8	11
UNIVERSITY	7	1	1	2	6	7	1	1	1	6	6	6
NOARLUNGA C.	7	1	0	2	5	6	2	0	2	8	10	6
FLINDERS	7	1	0	3	9	15	2	0	1	6	7	6
STH. ADELAIDE	6.	2	1	0	4	1	0	0	3	5	10	5
S.A.I.O.T.	7	0	1	3	8	14	1	0	2	4	6	3

WEST AUSTRALIA STATE LEAGUE

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AZZURRI	8	4	1	0	12	3	3	0	0	7	1	15
SPEARWOOD	6	3	0	0	9	1	1	2	0	4	3	10
FORRESTFIELD	8	2	2	0	6	3	1	2	1	6	5	10
INGLEWOOD	8	2	0	3	6	5	2	0	1	8	6	8
E. FREMANTLE	8	2	1	1	10	6	1	1	2	2	7	8
KINGSWAY	7	3	0	0	6	2	1	0	3	4	12	8
WINDMILLS	7	1	1	2	8	10	1	0	2	7	8	5
STIRLING C.	7	0	0	2	2	7	1	2	2	5	7	4
GOSNELLS	8	0	2	2	4	7	1	0	3	5	10	4
WEST PERTH	7	0	0	3	4	9	1	0	3	5	8	2

WEST AUSTRALIA DIVISION TWO

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ATHENA	11	4	1	0	19	6	4	2	0	16	3	19
NORTH PERTH	11	3	1	1	18	7	4	1	1	24	7	16
MELVILLE	11	3	2	1	13	7	2	2	1	11	5	14
COCKBURN	11	3	0	2	12	10	2	2	2	11	9	12
EAST PERTH	11	4	1	1	11	6	1	1	3	5	9	12
KELMSCOTT	11	4	1	1	14	6	0	2	3	5	11	11
BASSENDEAN	11	0	2	3	7	14	3	2	1	11	7	10
KWINANA	11	2	1	2	5	7	2	1	3	14	20	10
BALGA	11	1	1	4	7	17	3	0	2	10	11	9
OSBORNE PK.	11	4	1	1	17	10	0	0	5	2	11	9
CANNING	11	1	2	3	13	18	1	0	4	9	17	6
UNIVERSITY	11	1	0	4	3	17	1	0	5	7	18	4

WEST AUSTRALIA DIVISION THREE

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SWAN ATH.	10	4	1	1	15	4	4	0	0	7	2	17
BALCATTA	11	4	2	0	14	8	2	3	0	13	6	17
SORRENTO	11	2	3	0	6	3	3	1	2	8	8	14
BUNBURY C.	11	3	2	0	10	4	2	1	3	10	13	13
WANNEROO	11	3	2	1	9	7	2	1	2	8	8	13
ROCKINGHAM	11	2	2	2	11	10	2	2	1	5	4	12
PERTH CITY	11	1	1	3	7	7	2	3	1	13	8	10
BEDFORD U.	11	3	0	3	11	16	1	2	2	7	8	10
TUART HILL	11	1	3	2	9	11	1	2	2	10	10	9
BAYSWATER	10	3	1	0	8	4	0	2	4	4	14	9
QUEENS PK.	11	2	0	7	5	5	0	1	5	2	9	5
SUBIACO	11	0	1	4	6	13	0	0	6	5	21	1

QUEENSLAND DIVISION ONE

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
COALSTARS	13	4	2	1	15	6	5	0	1	13	8	20
MITCHELTON	13	5	1	1	16	8	3	2	1	5	5	19
TRIDENT	13	4	2	1	23	8	4	0	2	13	10	18
DARRA	13	5	0	1	20	9	2	3	2	13	12	17
ACACIA RIDGE	13	4	1	1	9	5	3	1	3	11	11	16
ANNERLEY	13	3	3	1	12	7	2	1	3	7	5	14
TARINGA	13	2	1	4	11	19	2	3	1	8	9	12
PINE RIVERS	13	2	1	3	8	7	3	0	4	17	19	11
SALISBURY	13	2	2	2	11	8	2	1	4	6	16	11
OLYMPIC	13	2	1	4	5	8	1	2	3	8	13	9
SUNNYSIDE	13	1	2	3	9	17	0	2	5	7	16	6
SOUTHSIDE	13	1	0	5	4	14	0	1	6	8	19	3

QUEENSLAND DIVISION TWO

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
NEWMARKET	9	3	1	0	10	5	4	1	0	12	6	16
GOODNA	9	3	1	0	15	3	3	1	1	15	8	14
NORTH STAR	8	2	1	1	12	5	4	0	0	13	5	13
GAP	9	3	1	1	13	6	1	0	3	3	9	9
INALA CITY	9	1	1	2	4	9	2	2	1	10	11	9
SOUTHS UTD.	8	3	0	1	15	4	1	0	3	6	12	8
REDLANDS	9	0	1	4	3	8	2	2	0	10	5	7
RIVERSIDE	9	0	1	3	3	9	2	2	1	7	5	7
INDUSTRIAL	9	3	0	2	13	11	0	1	3	3	11	7
REDCLIFFE	8	2	2	1	12	10	0	0	3	4	9	6
UNIVERSITY	8	1	0	2	6	7	1	1	3	5	17	5
NTH. BRISBANE	9	1	1	3	11	19	0	0	4	8	19	3

TASMANIA STATE LEAGUE

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
LAUNCESTON J.	9	5	0	0	12	3	2	2	0	7	5	16
BRIGHTON	9	5	0	0	18	2	2	1	1	8	4	15
GEORGETOWN	9	2	2	0	8	2	2	2	1	12	6	12
WREST POINT	8	1	2	1	10	4	3	0	1	10	4	10
HOBART J.	8	1	1	1	7	6	3	1	1	13	4	10
GLENORCHY	9	2	1	2	12	9	1	1	2	7	8	8
DEVONPORT	9	0	2	2	6	12	1	2	2	8	11	6
ULVERSTONE	9	2	0	3	6	10	0	1	3	3	11	5
STH. HOBART	9	0	2	3	2	11	1	0	3	4	10	4
BURNIE	9	0	0	4	3	16	1	0	4	3	21	2

NSW DIVISION TWO

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MARRICKVILLE	9	5	0	0	15	5	4	3	1	3	6	13
DEE WHY	8	2	2	1	6	3	3	0	0	10	2	12
CAMP'LTOWN	8	2	1	0	8	1	3	0	2	12	7	11
MT. DRUITT	8	4	0	1	9	3	1	1	1	2	2	11
BAULKHAM	7	3	1	1	8	7	2	0	0	6	2	11
NORTH RYDE	9	2	0	2	5	6	2	0	3	7	8	8
BONNYRIGG	9	1	1	2	7	9	2	1	2	5	7	8
LANE COVE	7	1	2	1	6	5	1	0	2	4	5	6
RIVERSTONE	7	0	0	2	1	7	2	1	2	6	6	5
LIVERPOOL A.	9	1	1	3	6	9	0	2	2	4	8	5
QUEENS PK.	7	1	0	2	4	5	1	0	3	6	8	4
HORNSBY	8	1	0	2	3	6	0	0	5	1	17	2

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VIC.DIV.1	ALBION R.	RICHMOND	1	1	
	ALTONA GATE	KEW PARK	2	X	*
	KNOX CITY	KEILOR	3	2	
	MORELAND	BOX HILL	4	2	
VIC.DIV.2	ARDEER	MELBOURNE	5	2	
	DANDENONG	S. MELBOURNE	6	X	*
	FAWKNER	SPRINGVALE	7	1	
	FOOTSCRAY	HEIDELBERG U.	8	1	
	PRESTON	DONCASTER	9	X	
	WAVERLEY	FRANKSTON P.	10	2	
VIC.DIV.3	BROADM'DOWS	HEIDELBERG	11	1	
	COBURG	ST. ALBANS	12	2	
	CORIO	PRAHRAN CTY.	13	X	
	ELTHAM	WERRIBEE	14	2	
	RINGWOOD U.	PT. MELBOURNE	15	1	
	YALLOURN	BELL PARK	16	2	
VIC.DIV.4	CHELSEA	BRIGHTON	17	2	
	KEYSBORO	ROYAL PARK	18	2	
	MONASH	N. DANDENONG	19	X	*
	MOORABBIN	FERNTREE	20	1	
	MORNINGTON	SANDRINGHAM	21	1	
	NUNAWADING	SUNBURY U.	22	2	
W.A. State League	SPEARWOOD	INGLEWOOD	23	1	
	STIRLING C.	AZZURRI	24	2	
	WINDMILLS	E. FREMANTLE	25	2	
W.A. Div.2	BALGA	CANNING	26	1	
	COCKBURN	OSBORNE PK.	27	1	
	EAST PERTH	MELVILLE	28	X	*
	KELMSCOTT	NORTH PERTH	29	2	
	KWINANA	BASSENDEAN	30	X	
W.A. Div. 3	BALCATTA	WANNEROO	31	1	
	BEDFORD U.	ROCKINGHAM	32	X	*
	PERTH CITY	TUART HILL	33	X	
	QUEENS PK.	BAYSWATER	34	2	
	SORRENTO	SWAN ATH.	35	2	
	SUBIACO	BUNBURY C.	36	2	
S.A. State League	AZZURRI	POLONIA	37	X	*
	BEOGRAD	CAMPB'LTOWN	38	1	
	CROATIA	CUMBERLAND	39	1	
	ELIZABETH	PT. ADELAIDE	40	2	
	NOARLUNGA U.	PARA HILLS	41	X	
S.A. Div. 2	ADELAIDE C.	BRIGHTON CTY.	42	1	
	LION	STURT	43	1	
	SALISBURY	WINDSOR	44	1	
	W. ADELAIDE	MODBURY	45	1	
	WESTFIELDS	WHYALLA	46	X	*
	W. TORRENS	VICTORIA	47	1	
Qld. Div. 1	ACACIA RIDGE	TARINGA	48	1	
	COALSTARS	TRIDENT	49	X	*
	DARRA	MITCHELTON	50	1	
	OLYMPIC	ANNERLEY	51	2	
	SALISBURY	PINE RIVERS	52	2	
	SUNNYSIDE	SOUTHSIDE	53	1	
Qld Div.2	GAP	GOODNA	54	2	
	NEWMARKET	UNIVERSITY	55	1	

Australian Soccer Weekly selections for Saturday's games.
(1 is a home win, 2 an away win and X a drawn game. Matches marked with asterisks are our tips for score draws).

the Pools Results

SCORE DRAWS 3 pts: 5, 34.

SCORELESS DRAWS 2 pts: 6, 10, 33.

1 1	2 1	3 1	4 ½	5 3	6 2	7 1
8 1	9 1	10 2	11 ½	12 ½	13 1	14 1	15 1
16 1	17 ½	18 1	19 1	20 1	21 ½	22 1	23 1
24 1	25 ½	26 ½	27 ½	28 1	29 1	30 1	31 ½
32 ½	33 2	34 3	35 1	36 1	37 ½	38 1	39 ½
40 1	41 ½	42 ½	43 1	44 ½	45 ½	46 ½	47 ½
48 ½	49 ½	50 1	51 1	52 1	53 1	54 1	55 ½

AUSTRALIAN CHIT-CHAT

Highly rated Brisbane Lions coach Joe Gilroy appeared to arrive at the right moment. His squad was likely to include Everton's Bob Latchford, and also the man who scores goals when they matter, Ron Millman. Now both are laid up with injuries. "The game is totally unpredictable. Now I may have to change the style of the team, which was developing around capable strikers," he said. Millman's leg was broken below the right knee.

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Canberra Arrows made formal recognition of the services of two of its most faithful servants last Sunday.

They are players Roy Stark and Terry Byrne — both of whom have now played more than 100 games for the Arrows (Prime Minister's Cup matches included).

It is a record few players in any club can match — and only one previously at Canberra, young Danny Moulis, who had made such a success of his move to Sydney Olympic.

Stark, Canberra's robust stopper, has played 103 games and Byrne, captain and sweeper, 102.

Nice thought, but a fascinating end result — the club and supporters' club presentations to Stark and Byrne were both made before Canberra's clash with Brisbane Gladiators.

Both presented the same gift — inscribed tankards.

Identical tankards at that!

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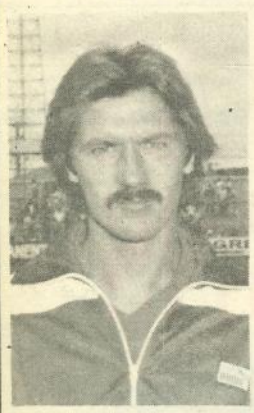

GRAHAM HONEYMAN

Nothing definite but Graham Honeyman may step down to the Rothmans State league next season.

The Hawks' midfielder denied a rumour that he had already asked for a transfer, but said business may force him out of the PSL.

"I'm still enjoying my football, but I have my own carpet cleaning business and it's hard to fit in all the training sessions," he said. "But I'll wait until the end of the season before making any decisions."

For those who collect statistics.

That Shraga Topaz headed goal against Sydney Slickers the other week at Hindmarsh Stadium, was the Hawks' first against the Slickers in the five matches they have played since 1978.

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Babies — both girls — for Canberra Arrows stalwarts Harry Williams and Walter Valeri.

Harry and wife, Jenny, celebrated the birth of Tjanara (in English it means willing), their first child, while Walter and his wife celebrated the arrival of their second child, Elena a sister for 14-month-old Matthew.

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Queensland Soccer Federation secretary Alan Vessey's hair is going greyer by the minute. He is chief co-ordinator of the Brisbane first round group of the World Youth Titles and was informed recently that an estimated 80-100 Uruguayan Pressmen will hit Brisbane to cover the tournament favourites' opening matches.

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Brisbane Lions will welcome a familiar face when their newly-signed Scottish import arrives before the June 30 deadline.

He is striker Billy Williamson, from Premier League club Dundee, and officials are hoping he will arrive in time for Lions' big match next Sunday at home against South Melbourne.

Williamson toured Australia with Dundee in 1978 and scored the winning goal in a 1-0 win over Queensland only 12 minutes from the end of the match.

Included in the Queensland defence that day were three men who will soon be Williamson's team-mates — Jim Hermiston, Col Bennett and Nigel Lownds.

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It couldn't have been timed better. Adelaide's Channel 7 showed a match from the final round of the English League season the Saturday morning Justin Fashanu arrived for his six-game guest appearance with Giants.

The game featured Norwich City, Justin's club, against Leicester, and Fashanu was seen scoring his goal of the season.

There will be a welcome back dinner for the big striker on June 30.

Price is $100 a head.

Brisbane Lions' match against South Melbourne next Sunday might have a real international flavor about it.

Lions have approached Gold Coast City who are interested about the possibility of playing their State League match against Townsville United at Richlands as the curtain-raiser to the PSL match.

The attraction of course is that Allan Clarke is a Townsville guest player, although the terms of his insurance cover we are told preclude him from playing outside the Townsville area.

Clarke is due to leave for England on June 29, the day before the Gold Coast-Townsville match, and officials are attempting to find a way of having him play in this final match. If he can, the attractive curtain-raiser before the Lions-South Melbourne match will proceed.

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Peter Jaksa has his eye on at least three State League players he wants for the Hawks before the end of the season.

"I know time is running out for the transfer deadline, but we will make a big effort, but I can't name the players because we have still to approach their clubs."

Jaksa said if he couldn't get them released for this season, he would work on deals during the close season.

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On the new PSL logos, there is one well-known, and normally more than well-liked, Soccer personality who is becoming completely unbearable thanks to his martyr-like stance on the logo issue.

It becomes a real test sitting in the Press box with him when, on the one hand, he explains the club's rights to freedom of choice then proceeds to denounce any supporters of the idea.

It really is, after all, just an idea that should be given a reasonable chance to succeed .

Once again the game is being divided, as always, rather than showing a united front. Instead of Soccer being the joke it is to the general public we could, for once, stand together to support the efforts of a, possibly, slightly misguided Marketing Department.

Let them stand or fall on their own efforts.

Of course the logos, like Rudi Gutendorf and a thousand other things, will never even get the chance to succeed unless given 100 per cent backing. Scrap the thing only if it fails to get off the ground: at the moment it is hardly being given a reasonable opportunity.

Strange how things work out.

Chris Manou, 18, who made a starring debut for Adelaide Giants against Hawks in the S.A. derby the other week, originally tried to join the Greek-backed club as his parents came from Greece.

But he had no luck, so signed for Giants, (Italian backed) from the Adelaide University team in 1979.

A powerful intelligent midfielder, he will now go down in Hawks' record books as "one that got away."

Manou showed early potential when he made the State Under 16 team.

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Wollongong Wolves have signed promising centre-half Zivko Hristovski as a professional.

Still to turn 16, the youngster already is captain of the Wolves Youth team.

He shows outstanding potential for his age and in the team's recent win over leaders Leichhardt, had an excellent game.

National coach Les Scheinflug watched the second half and would certainly have the youngster marked down in his little black book for the future.

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Strange how things turn out.

Giants sold Agenor Muniz, mainly to raise cash — Sydney Slickers paid $16,000 for him — because the midfielder wanted to return to NSW.

Now word is that a stomach muscle complaint he had while with Giants has returned, and he may not be fully fit again for top class Soccer.

If had stayed in Adelaide . . .?

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It makes you think Adelaide Giants' David Mitchell and Peter Rankin might be playing in Second Division State League today, along with Adelaide Hawks' Ian McKie.

The trio of youngsters were with Enfield Victoria in First Division when their contracts ran out and they were able to move on. Enfield were then relegated.

If they had been contracted for another season none of them would have moved into the PSL last year.

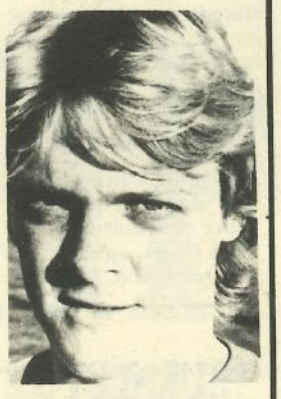
Now Rankin, at 16, is a recognised first choice reserve following his efforts in the winning SA Youth team, McKie and Mitchell are established PSL first choices, and in the Socceroo Youth team, and Mitchell made his senior debut against Taiwan.

Wollongong Wolves full-back Jeff Ainsworth carries a smart-looking briefcase with him on away games these days.

Team-mates were puzzled at first and thought he was carrying the money for meals, but it turned out to be a backgammon set.

Ainsworth is doing quite well out of the game, but midfielder Lee Adam is wishing he had left it at home during the recent trip away to Footscray.

It seems Lee lost his pocket money on the flight to Melbourne and plans to buy a novel for future trips — it won't cost as much.



Lee Adam

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Nev Arrowsmith has resigned as manager of the Wollongong youth squad.

He has given the role up because he has sold his bike shop and taken on a job which involves working weekends.

Arrowsmith is a foundation director of the club and has a long history in Illawarra Soccer as a player and official.

A goalkeeper in his playing days, he later was elected president of the Illawarra Association.

He will be carrying on as a director with the Wolves.

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Radio 2KA, based in Penrith, used to refer to themselves as "Your Rugby League Station". Times change, and they now go to air as "Your Rugby League and Soccer Station." With the change goes an increased Soccer cover each week, reports 2KA's Soccer man, John Glynn.

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Blacktown Demons made a lucky strike when Englishman Peter Jones came to the club on the recommendation of a relative who is a member of the social club. Jones, 22, played non-league football in England and arrived as a migrant. He has the ability to take some of the load off Paul Burrows, who has been handling much of the creative work, especially over the time that John Djordjevic has been injured.

READERS' FORUM

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In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point.

Write to The Editor, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007.

Your reader Klaus Eggers of Brisbane (ASW June 16) was quite wrong when he gave Les Scheinflug credit for "producing" David Mitchell for Adelaide Giants.

Mitchell was signed on a long contract by Rale Rasic in April last year and that was a long time after Scheinflug left the club.

Rasic also signed on professional terms the junior talent of Charlie Villani and Chris Manou.

I do not deny that Scheinflug did a good job at Adelaide City (Giants) but it seems to me that Rasic has to be given a lot of credit for the team's successes this year.

Is this another case of people trying to knock Rasic? Or is it just that Klaus Eggers does not know what's what?

Rasic Fan
Glenelg, S.A. 5045

I am writing in regard to Tommy Docherty's article in AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, dated 9th June 1981. I would like to say how disappointed — no, how disgusted — I was with this article. Mr Docherty has only been in this country five minutes and how dare he attack John Warren the way he has in this article.

I have no doubt that John Warren has more respect from the Australian sporting public than Tommy Docherty is ever likely to have. I think it's sad that because he has a so-called big name he can get away with hood-winking the Australian public with these cheap and petty comments.

After reading this rubbish I find it very hard to believe that Mr Docherty has the good of Australian Soccer at heart.

M. McDonagh
Bondi, NSW

What is wrong with Soccer here? I would think nothing that can't be put right. The ingredients are here, a good chef is required.

The football association (ASF): they must learn to accept their job, that is, to administer, be prepared to listen to the participants, the football league (national and State). To market the game through known sport orientated marketing companies bodies.

Coaches: they must be experienced full-time, and must have playing experience at an acceptable level of competition, to understand the game, and the players. Consider coaches going on attachment in the close season; imagine four months with Inter-Milan, Liverpool, Cologne, etc., NOT as apprentices, but to see what is happening in the rest of the world.

Players: they must accept that once you accept payment, you are a professional, and have responsibilities. Skills are only learned by constant practice, however monotonous; passing, shooting, dribbling and thinking football are essential basics.

Experts: Australia has its fair share. Your editorial is written by one. The column is usually divided into:

(A) what can be found in the F.A. book for boys or Manual;

(B) Constant carping on the English playing scene (players, conditions, etc) — his Wembley write-up was ridiculous. The playing surface is a fact, and I would doubt his qualifications in judging players' fitness, when there are better people employed to ensure such a requirement.

My preference on club football would be to have a senior team, reserve team and a junior team only; furthermore, senior clubs should adopt a junior club and run them as a nursery.

By adopting this approach, football would have a continuing supply of players coming through the ranks with the distinct possibility of having learned good habits and disciplines.

At the risk of being repetitious, cannot honest consideration be given to appointing Rale Rasic for the national team? He is a proven coach, a professional coach. This man has strengths and weaknesses, and teaches players how to improve, support each other and therefore in the pattern of things nullify any known weaknesses there may be.

He proved in Germany that he had a strong, leakproof defence, and two very capable players in Rooney and Richards who could run for 90 minutes, from defence into attack and back, thus creating strong mobile defence, and quickly-sprung attack.

Bill Smith
Blaxland East, NSW

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MANAGERS ON MOVE

ALAN DURBAN

John Duncan of Derby County, who toured Australia with Spurs a few years ago, has been appointed player-manager of Scunthorpe United.

Another managerial appointment expected soon could take Stoke City's Alan Durban to Sunderland.

Durban is happy at Stoke but ambitious Sunderland are ready to pay a very big salary to get their man. Sunderland's caretaker manager is Mick Docherty, son of Tommy — the new boss at Preston North End.

SHILTON IS TOTTENHAM TARGET

F.A.Cup winners, Tottenham Hotspur, are determined to buy a top-class goalkeeper before the start of the season.

They have already been linked with Liverpool's Ray Clemence but now Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw is switching his attention to unsettled Forest goalie Peter Shilton.

Although Shilton has stated he wants to play on the Continent, this did not deter Spurs.

Biggest problem facing Burkinshaw will be the sort of deal Forest have in mind.

Forest boss Brian Clough insists he would want Glenn Hoddle in part-exchange for Shilton.

Hoddle has not signed his new contract with Tottenham yet — but has promised to make up his mind about staying or leaving soon.

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ASSITANT TO THE DOC.

Crystal Palace are bedevilled by problems — the latest being a walkout by Youth team coach Ken Shellito, the former Chelsea manager.

Shellito should be fixed up quickly with another job. He seems likely to be snapped up by Tommy Docherty as his assistant at Preston North End.

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O'LEARY TO STAY

Rumours that David O'Leary, Arsenal's outstanding centre-half, was quitting Highbury to play on the Continent could turn out to be . . . just rumours.

Arsenal have now made the Irish international a huge offer to stay put and it seems no European club is ready to match it.

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THINKING CAPS ON

The best brains in English football have been invited to a conference to try to find answers to the problems in the game.

Leading managers like Lawrie McMenemy, Bobby Robson, Bobby Paisley, Ron Saunders and Brian Clough will form a think tank.

It's not a new idea. Similar moves have been made in the past but they produced no radical improvements.

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Welsh international sweeper Leighton Phillips is on offer at a bargain priced $50,000. Portsmouth are ready to pay Swansea City that figure for the player.

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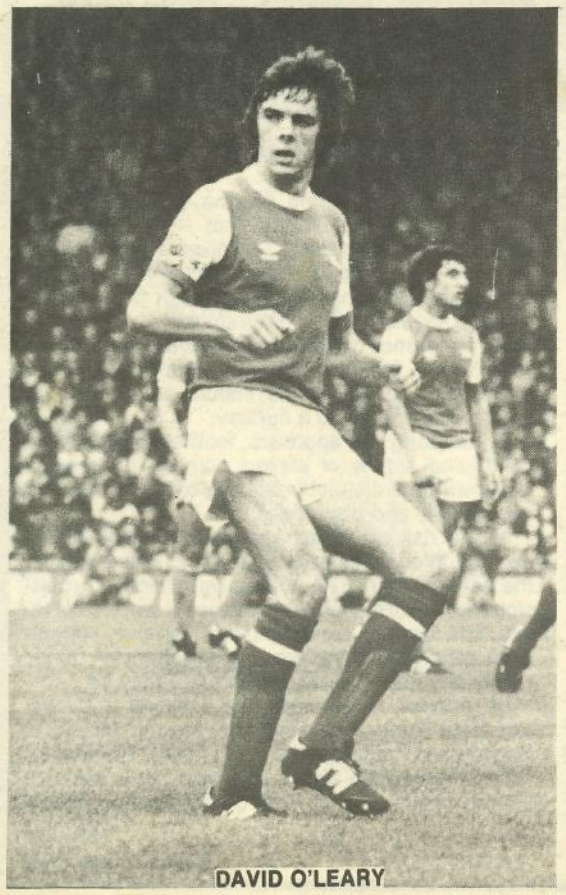
Big guessing game is . . . who succeeds Ron Atkinson as manager of West Brom? Relatively unknown David Pleat (Luton Town) could be the surprise choice.


DAVID O'LEARY

NEW PRESIDENT WANTS CASH

Jack Dunnett, the 59-year-old chairman of Notts County, is the new president of the Football League — and that makes him one of the most powerful men in British Soccer.

Mr Dunnett got the votes ahead of John Smith (Liverpool), Ernie Clay (Fulham) and Jack Wiseman (Birmingham City).

The new boss of the 92-club League has stated several times that he is determined to bring more cash into the game.

He said: "This is number one priority. The money must come, not just from attracting more spectators, but from Pools, sponsorship and television."

This change of leadership — Lord Westwood, the former president, resigned — could help clubs display sponsors' names on playing gear.

At the moment, those names are banned if a match is being televised.

The ban has cost clubs millions of dollars because they cannot give sponsors TV exposure.

BURNLEY'S BOB BOILOVER

Directors of Football League clubs have never been allowed to receive remuneration but all that could be changed.

Clubs agreed it would be a good idea if one paid director could be connected with each club. Clubs were 100 per cent in favour.

There has been a slight hitch. Bob Lord, long-time chairman of Burnley and a vice-president of the League, spoke against the move when he seemingly had second thoughts.

Arsenal chairman Denis Hill-Wood blasted Bob Lord for going against clubs' wishes.

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ANOTHER CLOUGH!

English football writers tend to lay themselves wide open with sweeping statements from time to time.

For instance, Frank Clough, writing in the Murdoch-owned Sun before England played Hungary in Budapest, produced this gem: —

"Anyone who seriously thinks that this sterile England can take maximum (World Cup Group) points from Hungary must believe in fairies at the bottom of the garden."

As it happens, "sterile" England took two points from the match in Budapest and must surely be fancied to get the other two at Wembley in the return match.

CLOUGH SAYS — "I'M READY"

With so many critics screaming for Ron Greenwood's head, it is obvious that England will soon need a new international team manager.

While it is assumed that Bobby Robson of Ipswich Town is the heir apparent and will succeed Greenwood, many fans believe the only man to take over and get results is fiery Brian Clough.

But the English F.A. is not quite so enthusiastic. When Clough announced last week that he is ready to take over the England team, one big shot at the F.A. commented: "God forbid!"

MULLERY'S MOVING ON

Alan Mullery has quit the Brighton managerial job soon after getting a new contract.

Mullery guided Brighton away from relegation towards the end of last season. But he was annoyed when Brighton decided to sack his asistant, Ken Craggs.

So Mullery walked out. He could get the Crystal Palace job.

BANKS BLASTS ENGLAND

Gordon Banks, possibly England's greatest goalkeeper, has no sympathy for the current England side which has suffered so many setbacks.

Banks commented: "We just haven't got the quality any more. It will be difficult to qualify for the 1982 World Cup — and those nations that don't qualify have to be classed as second raters."

UNITED STARS DIP OUT

Manchester United's headaches have not all been solved with the signing of new manager Ron Atkinson.

There was a remarkable walk-out by three star United players just as the team was ready to go to the the Far East for a close-season tour.

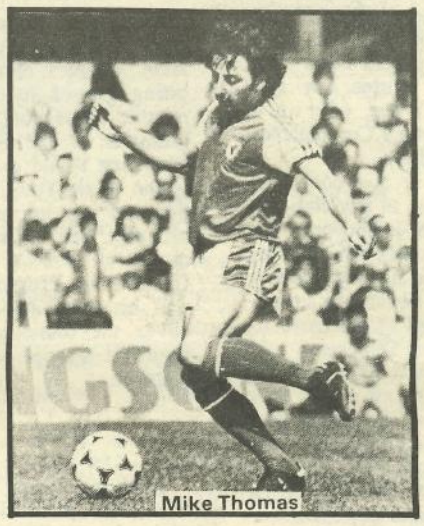
Micky Thomas and Jimmy Nicholl disappeared just as the flight to Malaysia was being called at London's Heathrow Airport. And Sammy McIlroy didn't even get as far as the airport! McIlroy went aboard the plane at Manchester for the trip to London but walked off again.

McIlroy explained: "I was jaded after playing for Northern Ireland against Sweden and my little boy was ill with asthma.

"My family needed me and I knew I'd be no good to anyone. So I got off the plane and went home."

It is a strange story, indicating lack of discipline at Old Trafford.

In fact, United's tour squad was down to a bare 11 players until two youngsters were hauled in and English international tourists Steve Coppell and Gary Bailey returned from World Cup duty.


Mike Thomas

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Leeds United have made a transfer offer for Manchester United's Scottish international centre-forward Joe Jordan but it is unlikely to be accepted.

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"Oh dear! You have a rather unfortunate name haven't you?"

BIG BLOW-UP AS MEARS RESIGNS

There has been a sensational blow-up at Chelsea with the resignation of club chairman Brian Mears, a director of the club for 23 years.

He said he felt it was time to get out after a long stint but conjecture is that he was annoyed when former Middlesbrough boss John Neal was appointed manager.

Mears apparently favoured Bobby Campbell for the plum job.

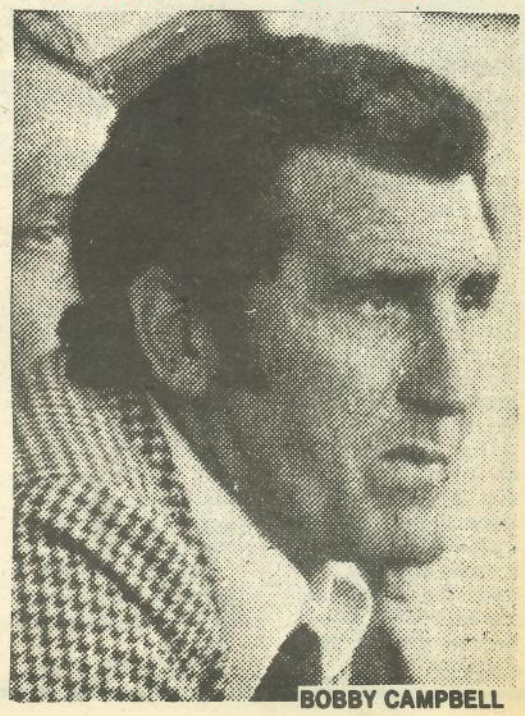
Chelsea have passed through traumatic times in the past few years and were nearly forced into bankruptcy after a new grand stand was built and the club went $7,000,000 into the red.

Those debts have been slashed to $2,000,000 but this is still a terrible burden to carry when a club wants to spend money on star players.

Last season, Chelsea scored just three goals in their final 22 second division games, killing all hope of promotion.

After the last home match, there was a pitch invasion by 2000 fans chanting for Brian Mears to resign.

But he insists he was not influenced by that when he quit.


BOBBY CAMPBELL